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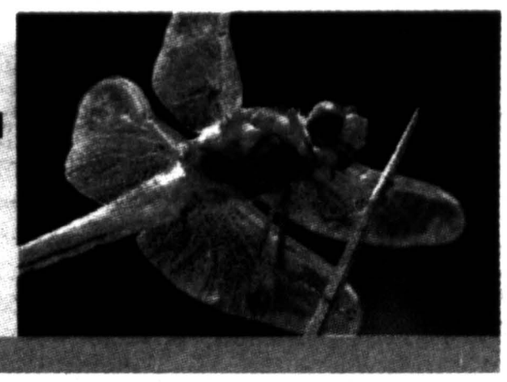

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Scientists: 85 percent pitch canker mortality 'isn't true and never was'

By PAUL MILLER

A KEY assertion of the California Coastal Commission staff's campaign to stop the Pebble Beach Company from building a new golf course — that drastic steps are needed to protect the Monterey pine from extinction because most of the trees will be killed by the pine pitch canker epidemic — is not supported by scientific research, according to the state's foremost experts on the disease.

None of the scientific experts on pitch canker and the Monterey pine would attest to the figures used by the coastal commission.

Instead, the latest research shows that more than two-thirds of the trees will fend off the fungal infection on their own, ensuring survival of the prolific species.

However, in documents submitted to commissioners last month in San Diego, the coastal commission staff continued to assert that a very large percentage of native pines on the Monterey Peninsula will be killed by the disease that first appeared locally in 1992.

"Most estimates describe a mortality rate [from pitch canker] of up to 85 percent," said a report written to support a permit for a new wing at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula — but which was clearly aimed at the P.B. Co. golf course proposal. "The survival of the species

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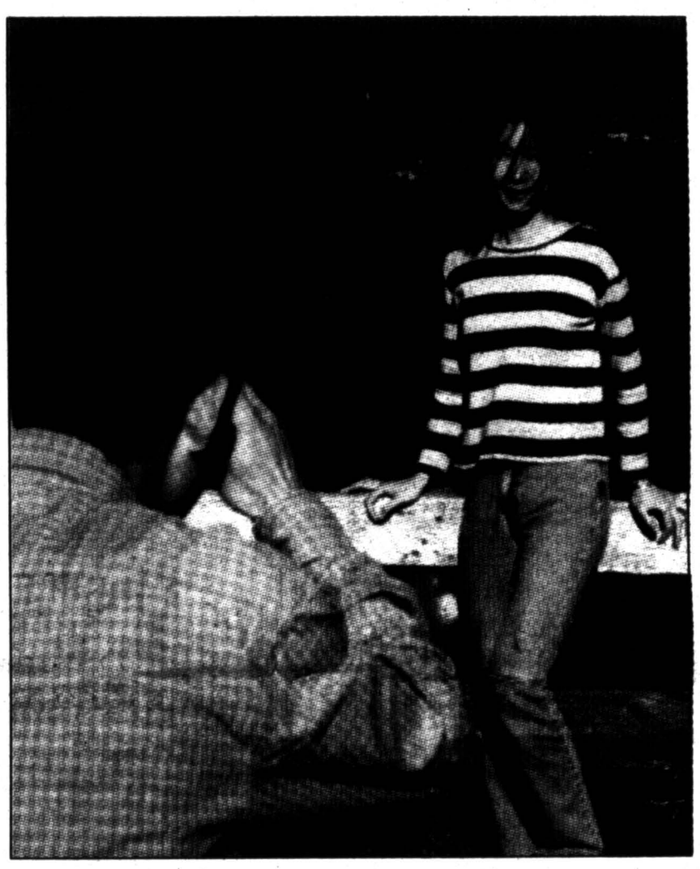

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With a vast pine forest as a backdrop, Wei Chan of Dallas posed for her husband, Allen, in Pebble Beach Thursday. A coastal commission report said up to 85 percent of these trees will die from pitch canker, but scientists disagree.

Candidates debate money, property issues

By MARY BROWNFIELD

PROPERTY AND money dominated discussion among mayoral and city council candidates at an election forum Tuesday night, as they told a standing-room-only crowd their opinions on annexing Mission Ranch, managing Sunset Center, selling Flanders Mansion, redoing the post office street and increasing tourism dollars, among other topics.

During the forum hosted by The Pine Cone, council candidates Erik Bethel, Mike Cunningham, Jack Gorry and David Maradei, and mayoral candidates Dick Ely and Sue McCloud laid out their reasons for running and then responded to a startling suggestion from the audience that the city boost its sagging budget by annexing Clint Eastwood's Mission Ranch and capturing some of its hotel and sales tax revenues.

After the laughter died down, each candidate opined on the possibility. Several were dubious, given that annexation would have to be sought by the ranch and would require city compensation to the county for any net loss of revenue.

"There are so many other ways to raise money," Gorry said. "It's like stepping through the looking glass when you try to take that thing on."

Bethel said annexing any property must benefit all sides in order to overcome the legal issues.

"Mission Ranch is the only place that has live music," he

*See **FORUM** page 21A*

Stop signs and roundabout touted for safer streets

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FOUR-WAY stops at every downtown Carmel intersection, better pruning and even a roundabout at Junipero and Ocean could make driving here safer, according to a city-commissioned traffic study by Higgins Associates.

Of the 450 accidents which occurred within the 1-square-mile city between Jan. 1, 1998, and July 27, 2003, 153 involved parked cars, 98 resulted in injuries, pedestrians were hit in 26 and bicyclists were struck in seven, principal associate Barbara van Heerden told the Carmel City Council last week.

Using previous studies, interviewing city officials and staff, and analyzing accident statistics, Higgins Associates developed a list of 20 unsafe "hot spots" within the city and recommended possible fixes.

Van Heerden highlighted the most frequent accident spots — the majority in the business district — but the study also mentioned Scenic Road, Dolores Street in front of Robert Louis Stevenson school, Rio Road at Santa Lucia and Junipero, Fourth Avenue at San Antonio and Monte Verde, and the drive from Highway 1 down Carpenter to Junipero.

"Twenty-six pedestrian accidents during the evaluation period is high, so looking at pedestrians and making it safe for them is a high priority," she said. "A lot of the accidents happened on Ocean, with a few on San Carlos and Dolores."

Statistics also revealed broadsides and sideswipes, at 124 and 151, respectively, were the most common types of accidents. While sideswipes might be the result of a lot of traffic, narrow streets, parked cars and many pedestrians, broadsides more likely result from confusion, right-of-way violations and poor sight distances.

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Twenty-six pedestrians were struck and injured by cars in Carmel during a five-and-a-half year period — including this victim at San Antonio and Seventh in 2000. A study recommends safety fixes.

Highway plan goes too far, coast homeowners say

By PAUL MILLER

WHAT STARTED as an effort to secure a permit-in-advance for damage that will surely hit Highway 1 in future winter storms has turned into a hot potato as some Big Sur property owners accuse Caltrans of going far beyond its mandate.

"The Coast Highway Management Plan was supposed to ensure the road is kept in a safe condition, but some elements have crept in which aren't beneficial to our community," said Big Sur resident Alan Perlmutter at a meeting of the Coast Property Owners Association last month.

The plan, which is nearing final approval, affects property far from Highway 1. According to maps prepared by Caltrans, the management plan "corridor" stretches more than 20 miles inland and includes most of Carmel Valley and the watersheds of numerous rivers and streams in Big Sur.

"This plan is about the coast and what makes it so special, so we picked geographic boundaries," said Aileen Loe of Caltrans. But she said the agency wouldn't assert "any regulatory authority" over viewshed, property rights or erosion control outside the immediate, 80-foot-wide Highway 1 right of way.

That was little solace to some property

*See **HIGHWAY** page 7A*

Stroll among notable trees on tap for Arbor Day

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A CARMEL group hopes the public will want to see the city's forest for the trees Saturday, when it leads a one-hour walk in celebration of Arbor Day. The tour will future some of Carmel's most important trees.

"They are selected because of their size, their shape, their beauty, their historical connection, or any other good reason we can think of," said Clayton Anderson of Friends of Carmel Forest, host of the walk slated to begin in Devendorf Park at 10 a.m. March 13.

"We had a list of 61 trees and cut it down to 31, so it's a manageable walk, mostly level, and it takes about an hour," he said.

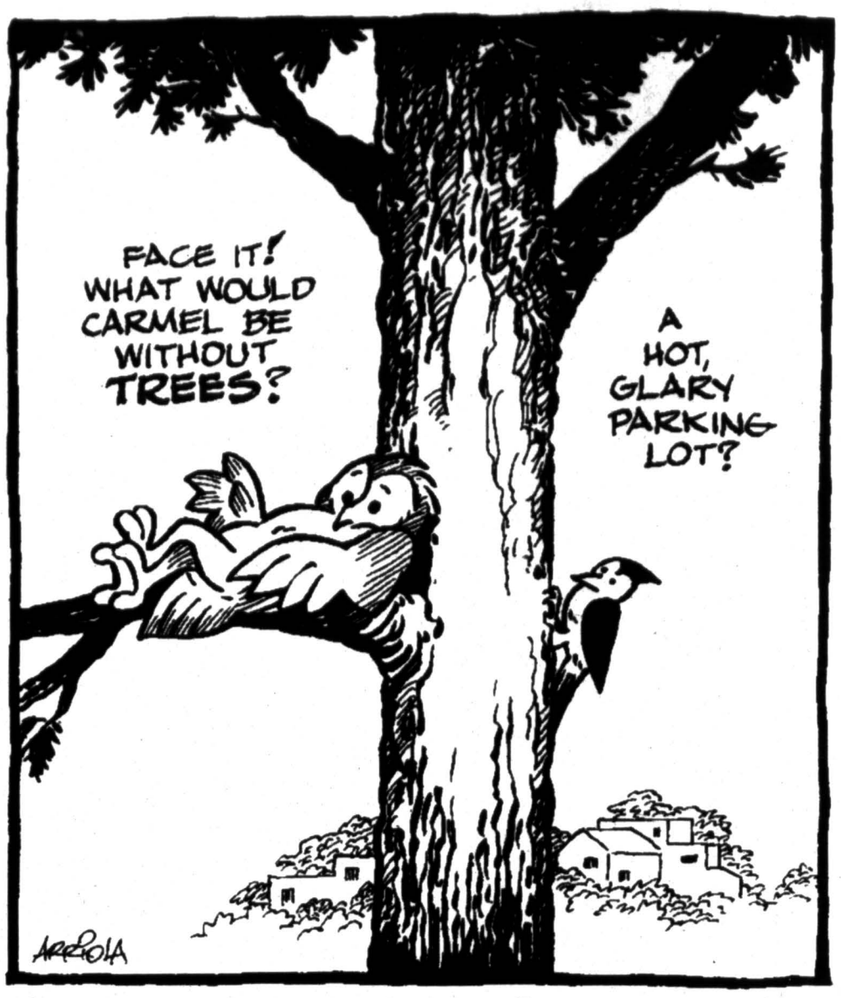
The tour will begin with the park's coast live oak, one of the largest specimens in the village, and will include other heritage Monterey pines, Monterey cypress, coast live oaks, coastal redwoods and eucalyptus — among them the oak planted at Sunset Center in honor of Burl Ives in 1991.

And the man who may know more about Carmel's trees than anyone else — former city forester Greg D'Ambrosio — will lead the Arbor Day Tree Walk, with current city forester Mike Branson.

Anderson said the stroll should entertain as well as educate.

"I think it acquaints people more with the village and gives them an appreciation for trees and the need to perpetuate our forest," he said. "Besides, it's fun."

For more information, call Friends of Carmel Forest at 624-3208.



Carmel cartoonist Gus Arriola penned this one in honor of Arbor Day.

Babysitting and green bagels

RED CROSS Month continues with a babysitter training class at the Carmel Chapter Saturday, March 20. The 9 a.m.-to-4 p.m. class will help teens learn everything necessary to be a skillful, careful and watchful keeper. The fee is $35 and registration is available at 624-6921.

To help raise money for the local disaster relief efforts of the Carmel and Monterey County chapters of the American Red Cross, the Bagel Bakery will donate part of the proceeds from all the shockingly green bagels sold on St. Patrick's Day. The Pacific Grove, Carmel, Monterey, Sand City and Salinas bakeries will carry the emerald bagels March 17 and are accepting advanced orders.

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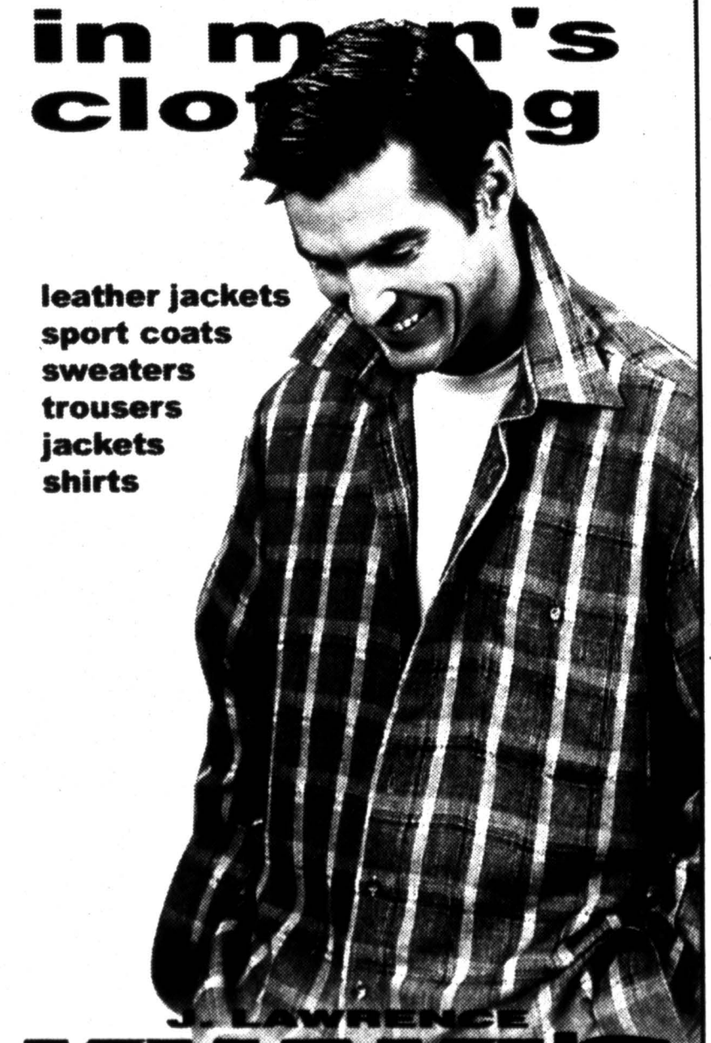

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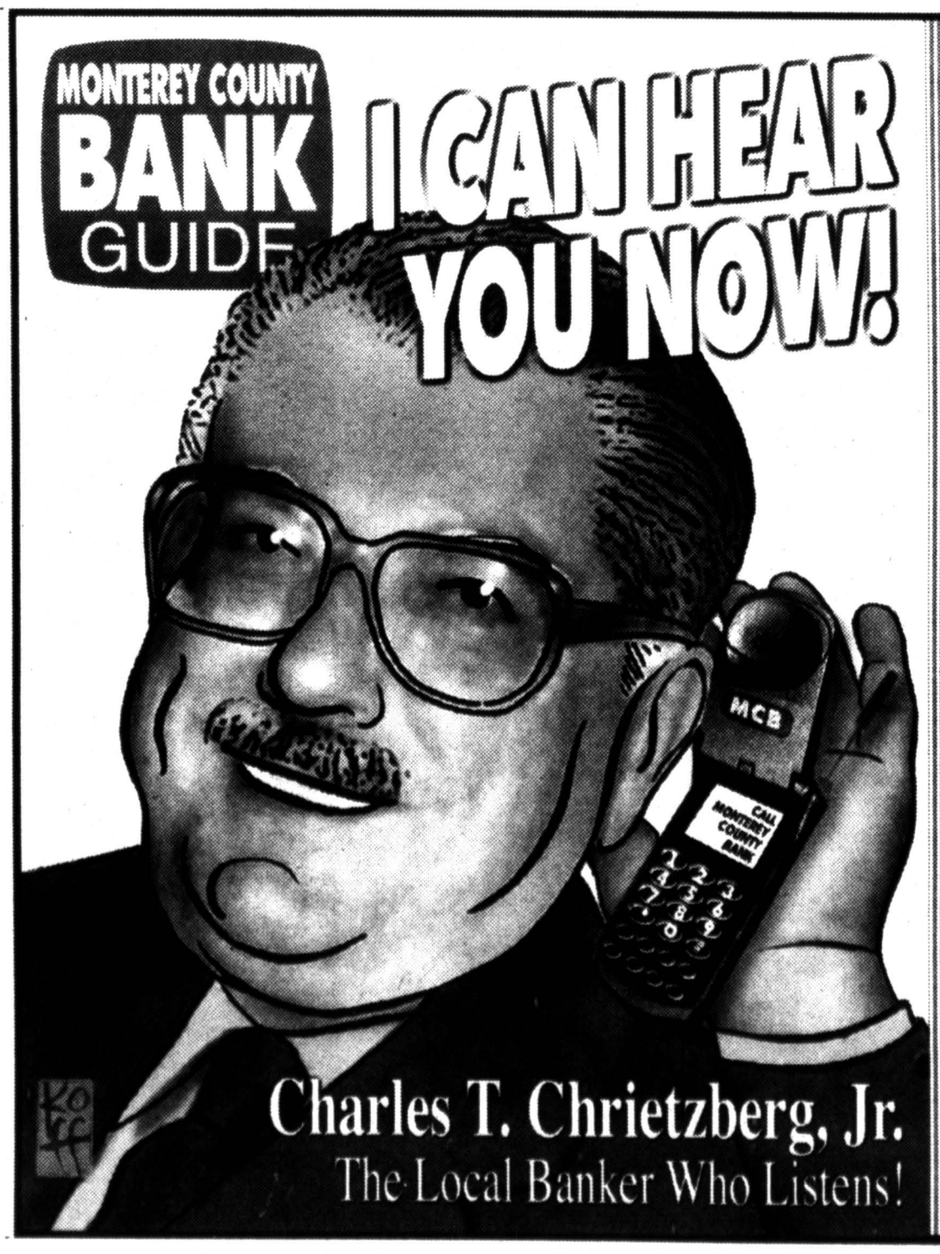

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Oregon specialist and Carmel firm team up on firehouse retrofit

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A PORTLAND architect who specializes in retrofitting and designing firehouses will work with local architect John Thodos to develop a fix for the seismically unsafe Carmel Fire Station. The city council voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a $60,000 contract with the team.

Ivars Lazdins, who opened his small Portland firm in 1971 and designed his first fire station in 1972, has worked on dozens more over the past 30 years. Thodos has known the Oregon designer for three decades and recommended him for the job.

CPA Paul Wood advised the council to work with Thodos and Lazdins as a team to save travel expenses for the Oregon architect.

The team's proposal includes structural upgrades to resist lateral force and effects from adjacent buildings, ADA accessibility, energy efficiency, community access, accommodation of female firefighters as well as emergency medical services and hazardous materials handling. The design team would also address the 67-year-old building's plumbing, mechanical, electrical and standby power systems, fire alarms, sprinklers and emergency shut-off of utilities.

Thodos made a "very preliminary estimate" of $500,000 in construction costs and said the design fee will be 12 percent — $60,000 — while charges such as delivery, travel, reproduction, photos and as-built drawings will be billed at cost plus 10 percent.

Thodos and Lazdins "are prepared to move forward and prepare the bid documents and cost estimate for the seismic retrofit of the fire station," Wood said in his report to the council. "With the completion of the bid documents, staff will return to the city council for the construction funding of the project and to get authorization to bid the project."

City councilman Dick Ely wondered if Lazdins was the most qualified architect for the seismic upgrade and worried who would be accountable to the city, Lazdin or Thodos.

"I'm wondering who we're contracting with," he said. "Who's doing what to whom?"

He also pointed out that only part of the scope of work refers to seismic retrofit.

"All of a sudden, this project has taken on a life far beyond what the city council has asked for, and that concerns me," he said.

Councilman Gerard Rose responded that the problems with the firehouse go beyond seismic issues and everything should be handled together.

"If we're going to hire a professional outfit, I would have them address the issue comprehensively rather than piecemeal," he said.

City administrator Rich Guillen said items such as plumbing and electrical systems appear in the Lazdins/Thodos proposal because retrofitting an old building often reveals additional problems.

"Their approach makes more sense," he said.

Regardless of the long-term future of the firehouse — whether the department will continue operating there or if the building is used for something else — Guillen emphasized the importance of moving forward.

"How long have we been talking about retrofitting the fire station? How long would it take to build a new one?" he asked. "Our firefighters are in horrible living conditions right now."

The 2003/2004 budget has money set aside for the work, and the council has already identified the project as one of its top five priority projects. The council unanimously voted in favor of the contract.

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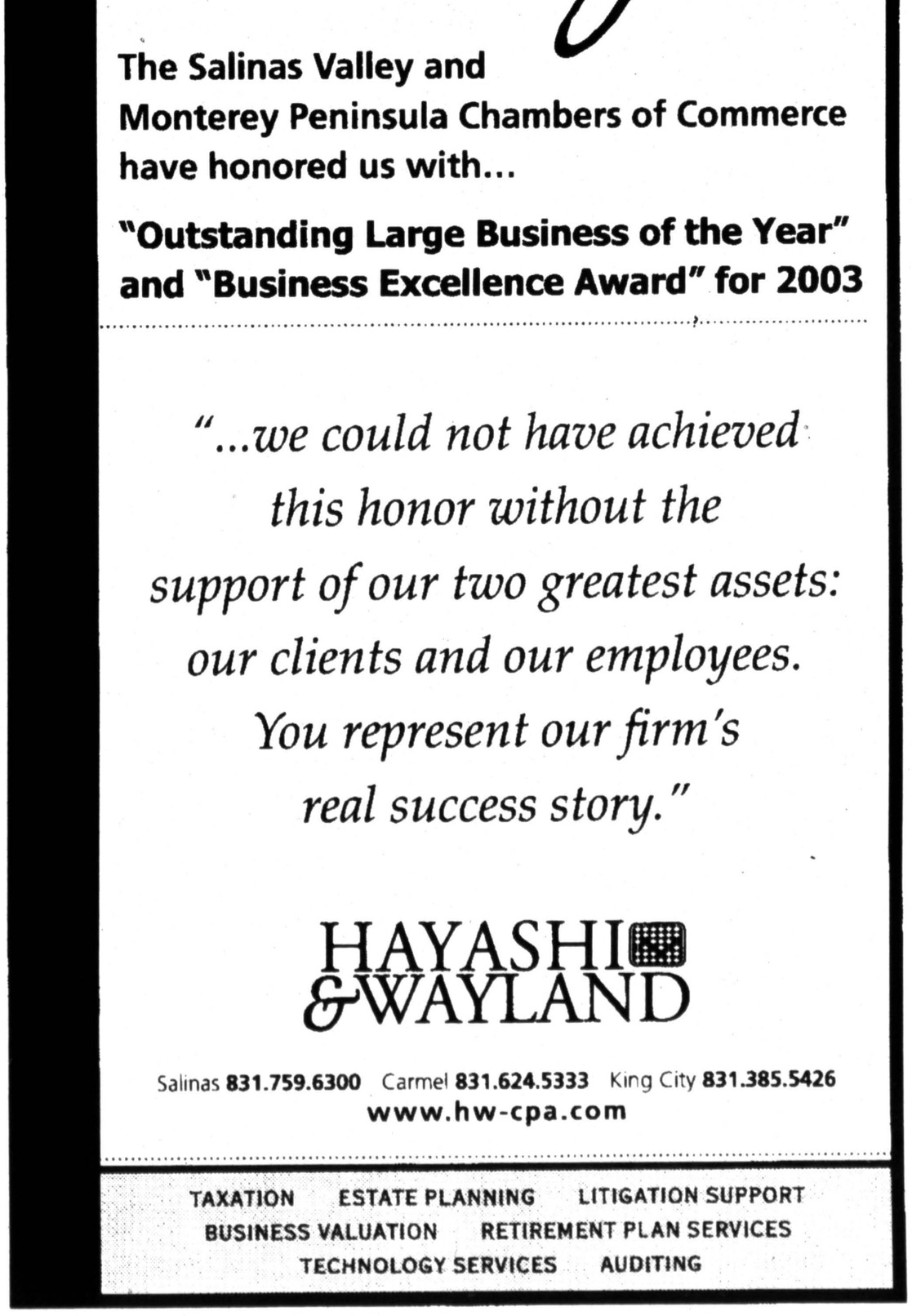
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Gun-wielding man headbutts EMT

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported a residential door at Scenic and Eighth unsecured and swinging open and shut in the winds of the storm. The residence was checked and found to be unoccupied. Door was secured.

Carmel area: Two students involved in a battery at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Theft from a Laguna Robles residence just occurred.

Pebble Beach: Check/credit card fraud at a Lopez Road residence and a Sunridge Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious circumstances at a Carmel Valley Road address.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious person at a Buckeye Court residence.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male Junipero resident saw a utility truck parked in his neighbor's driveway at 2134 hours and felt it was suspicious because construction is usually done by 1700 hours. Contacted a contractor found to be legitimately working on the cement in the garage.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bar check at an establishment at Lincoln and Ocean revealed a smoking violation. Ashes and a cigarette stub were noted in an ashtray on the bar. Parties were advised this incident would be documented and they indicated they understood.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported his black leather bi-fold wallet containing his driver licenses, credit cards and approximately $250 in cash missing since 2/25/04. He remembered having it at a market while shopping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female requested a welfare check on her mother because she was not answering the phone. Contacted the Ocean Avenue resident and she was fine. She did not want to answer the phone because she was upset with her daughter. This information was passed on to the daughter.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Santa Fe resident reported a female adult with long brown hair wearing a long brown raincoat entered her residence while her gardener was working in the

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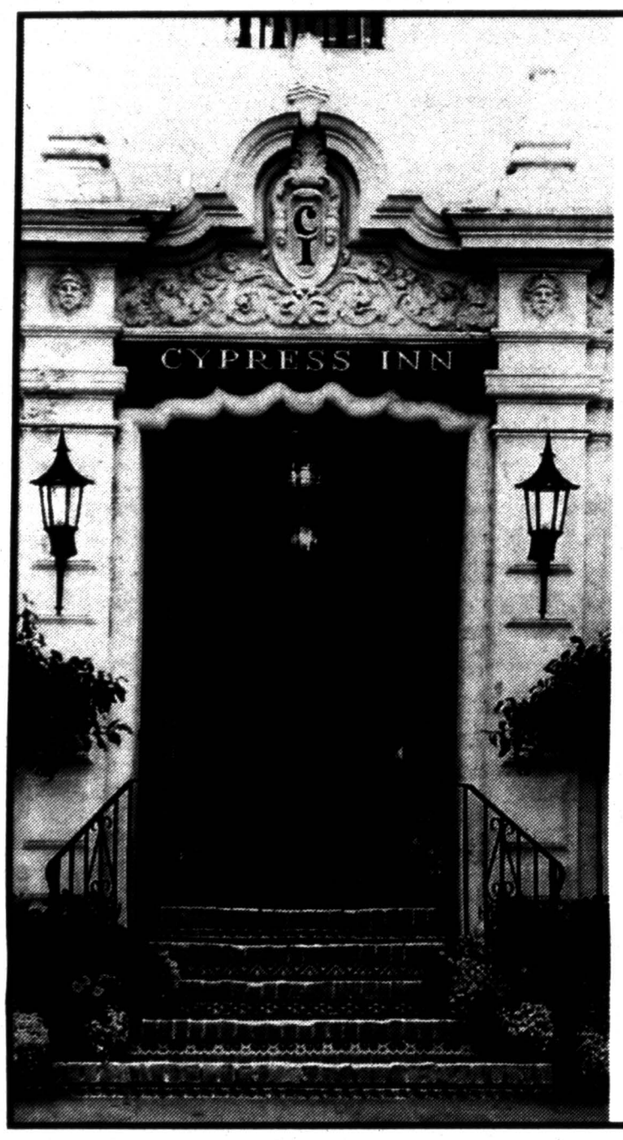

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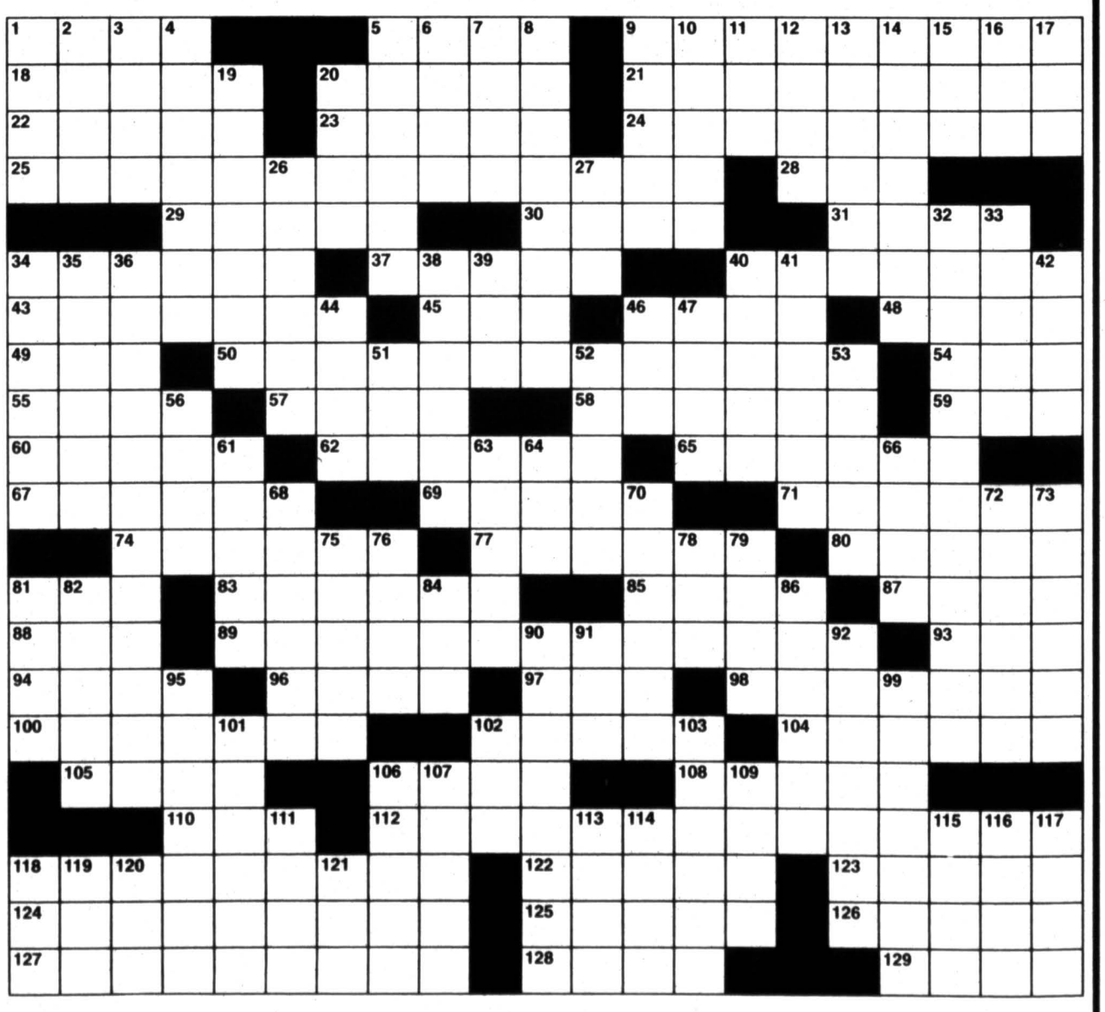

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First public hearing on Pebble Beach Co. plan

By PAUL MILLER

More than three years after county voters approved the broad outlines of the Pebble Beach Company's plans for a new golf course, 150 new hotel rooms, 38 homes and a relocated equestrian center in Del Monte Forest, the first public hearing on permits for the complex proposal was held Thursday.

"This is a refinement of a plan that has been around for a long time," said Del Monte Forest Land Use Advisory Committee Chair Paul deLay. "In 1992, the company proposed 403 homes and a golf course in Pescadero Canyon. In 1997, that was reduced to 364 homes and the golf course was moved to the equestrian center site."

The current plan, announced in 2000 by Clint Eastwood and Peter Ueberroth, leaders of a group that bought the Pebble Beach Company the year before, cut the number of new homes to 38, added hotel rooms, and put wide swaths of Monterey pine forest into open space preserve.

"The project we're bringing to you today is consistent with what was approved by the voters and endorsed by the property owners association, and it is in keeping with the vision of the ownership for protection of open space in the forest," said Alan Williams, representing the P.B. Co. "It would have been real easy just to sell off lots — you take your money and you're gone — but this ownership's goal is to make the preservation permanent."

Committee member Ted Hunter and deLay pointedly asked Williams for guarantees that, if the current plan is approved, no further development would be proposed for Pebble Beach.

"We need some assurance that this is the last project," Hunter said, "because we heard the same thing when the Inn at Spanish Bay was approved [in the early 1980s]."

"Does the company plan to expand the Lodge or the Inn at Spanish Bay beyond the language in this plan?" deLay asked.

Williams said the company would honor a contract signed by CEO Bill Perocchi in October 2000 putting an upper limit on development on company-owned land in Del Monte Forest. That contract only takes effect if the current development plan is approved.

With no more than 20 people in attendance — many of them showing concern over the realignment of one street — the committee's agenda moved much more quickly than anticipated. Only four members of the public made comments on the overall plan, which has been analyzed in an extensive EIR costing more than $500,000.

A lot of people have the impression this is a done deal, but it's not," Hunter said. "It has a long way to go."

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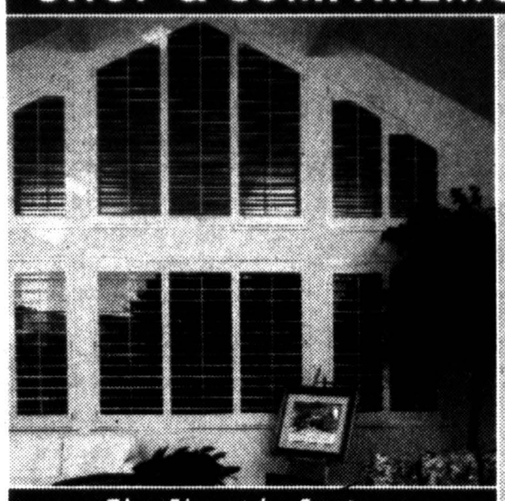

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Tiny house on tiny lot, wine shop approved

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A PROPERTY owner can rebuild a small house on a small lot, and two women may open a wine shop and tasting room downtown, the Carmel Planning Commission decided Wednesday.

Jeff Britton, who owns a 2,000-square-foot lot on Monte Verde between Fourth and Fifth, asked the commission for permission to tear down the 838-square-foot, two-story home built on the property in 1927 and replace it with a single-story, 698-square-foot home.

The city is very restrictive on the kind of new construction it will approve on lots smaller than 4,000 square feet. But the planning department should allow a property owner to improve, maintain or replace an already built home so long as its nonconformities do not increase, principal planner Brian Roseth told Britton in a letter last April.

Since the 77-year-old house is not considered historic and the plans call for a smaller home of similar board-and-batt style, commissioners spent most of their time discussing Britton's request for permission to lay a parking pad at the southwest corner of the lot within a driveway easement from a neighboring property.

Representing the absent Britton, designer Bill Vasilovich said the owners of the two lots will legally document their agreement that a car could be parked in the easement, as requested by the planning commission. Commissioners unanimously approved the project, including the exceptions to setback requirements for the parking pad.

Southern Latitudes Wines

The commission also agreed to Annalisa Wood and Kerre Dubinsky's request for a use permit to open a wine shop and small tasting area on Lincoln Street in the Pine Inn courtyard.

The pair plan to sell wines from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Chile and Argentina, and part of the shop will include tables for customers to use while sampling the wares for a fee.

"I as consumer would be more comfortable if I could sample a wine to know what I'm getting," Dubinsky told the commission. "We want it to be educational, informative and comfortable. We'll have three stand-up tables — and literature so people can take notes if they want to make a sport of it and have a nice time."

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Today's Real Estate
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HIGHWAY

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owners who are concerned that such a wide-ranging document will inspire new permit conditions by Monterey County or the California Coastal Commission.

"The coastal commission staff is already on record saying they want anyone applying for a permit in Big Sur to show they're complying with the coast highway management plan," said Lisa Kleissner of the CPOA.

"I only heard about the thing last week," said Dan Keig, who owns several hundred acres on the east side of the highway. "Shouldn't somebody have notified me that these changes were being worked on?"

According to Loe, the wide-ranging scope of the highway management plan stems from lengthy closures of the road in 1983 and 1998, necessitating millions of dollars in repairs and cutting off residents for months at a time, which made a comprehensive plan for quick repairs to the road an obvious necessity. Also, the road's incomparable scenery led to its 1996 designation as an "All American Road" by the Federal Highway Administration.

"California's Big Sur Coast and the highway that brings people to it are national treasures," the draft report says. "Countless travelers cherish memories of their highway experiences: scale-defying views from high above the boundless Pacific Ocean; dark and verdant passages lined with giant redwoods; stops at rustic facilities along the way."

The plan can be downloaded at http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/big-sur/news.htm.

Kleissner urged property owners in Big Sur who might be affected to attend the meeting of the Coast Highway Management Plan steering committee on March 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the Hudson House near Point Lobos.

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PINES

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. . . requires that each population [of native Monterey pine], and especially the Monterey Peninsula population, be protected," the coastal commission report continued. Similar language appears in another report recommending changes to the Monterey County General Plan, to be considered by the commission next Thursday.

The P.B. Co. wants to clear about 100 acres of Monterey pine forest to build a new golf course, while putting 492 acres of the forest into a preserve — a tradeoff which was approved by county voters in 2000 but which the coastal commission staff is apparently trying to stop in its tracks.

Tom Gordon, a plant pathologist at U.C. Davis who has studied pitch canker in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties for more than a decade, said the commission had its facts wrong.

"The 85 percent mortality figure is not true and never was true," he told The Pine Cone, adding that he was surprised the myth has "persisted this long."

It apparently started, Gordon said, after his early studies of pitch canker among planted Monterey pines in Santa Cruz County found that "up to 85 percent of trees showed signs of infection — which meant at least one branch was affected." Later, the probable infection rate was put even higher — at 98 percent, Gordon said.

Initially, pitch canker was seen as invariably fatal, and Gordon's alarming infection rate estimates were hyped far beyond their true significance.

In 1998, for example, Carmel City Forester Gary Kelly told the Monterey County Board of Supervisors that "only 15 percent" of the city's pines would survive the pitch canker epidemic.

"But we never equated the infection rate with mortality," said Gordon, whose papers from the 1990s are cited in coastal commission footnotes, purportedly underpinning the 85 percent prediction of pine deaths from pitch canker. Later research has put the mortality rate at "no more than 30 percent — and that's at the high end," Gordon said.

Another expert on the Monterey pine, Stephen Staub, head of the statewide pitch canker task force, said the 85 percent figure was "a bad extrapolation from an early result 10 years ago." He said even the 30 percent mortality figure cited by Gordon was probably too high.

"The disease is creeping out through the native stands, and it has increased its range," Staub said. "But the severity and the mortal-

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District hands out free smoke detectors

SMOKE DETECTORS awakened a mother and daughter early Saturday after a fire ignited in a downstairs bedroom of their Fisher Place home. Fifteen firefighters from Cypress Fire Protection District and Carmel and Carmel Valley fire departments responded to the scene, where they found the residents outside, according to battalion chief Greg Furey. An ambulance took the girl to the hospital for treatment of minor smoke inhalation.

Fire investigator Cliff Williams estimated the damage at $50,000, according to Furey, and the cause remains under investigation.

The incident illustrated the importance of home smoke detectors, and Cypress Fire is giving free detectors. Postcards about the giveaway have been mailed to every residence within its boundaries, according to fire captain Dan Frost.

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ity are not anywhere close to what we thought they would be." Many trees infected more than a decade ago are still thriving, while young trees are showing increasing signs of immunity, he said.

"The mortality from storms is higher than anything related to pitch canker," Staub concluded.

In a series of interviews with other experts on pitch canker and the Monterey pine, none would attest to the figures used by the coastal commission.

"The situation isn't as dire as was initially thought," said Deborah L. Rogers, a research geneticist with U.C. Davis. "There is resistance in the forest that we didn't see initially" — a happy conclusion that resulted from the forest's genetic diversity, she said.

Her 2002 paper, "In Situ Genetic Conservation of the Monterey Pine," called for maximum protection of native pine in Monterey County and outlined 18 steps for preservation of the remaining forest. "The healthier the forest is, and the more diverse it is, the better it will be able to withstand pitch canker, and future pitch cankers," she said.

Local pine activist Joyce Stevens also said the 85 percent figure wasn't valid.

"It definitely is not what has been observed on the ground," she said, making a statement that is probably obvious to anyone who lives on the Monterey Peninsula, where vibrant pine forests remain a ubiquitous backdrop more than 12 years after the pitch canker alarm was sounded. "People are encouraged by what's going on. I'm not sure the 85 percent was valid to begin with," Stevens said.

Pacific Grove City Forester Frank Ono said a very large percentage of that city's pines would be dead from pitch canker if not for the acquired resistance many older trees are showing and the apparent immunity of numerous young trees. "With the resistance we're seeing, [the death rate] is not even close to 85 percent," Ono said.

And Carmel's current city forester, Mike Branson, said some of the city's infected older trees have "put on more growth than they've lost to pitch canker." But, despite that improving trend, quite a few younger and middle-aged trees have been lost to pitch canker, a loss he called "tragic for the city's forest."

Gordon noted there has been a substantial change in the pitch canker outlook since 1999, when it was first noticed that some trees long infected had gone into remission.

"The disease severity seems to have leveled off," Gordon said. "We saw pretty dramatic increases from 1996 to 2000, but it has apparently plateaued, especially in the last two years."

He said the pattern seems to be: A stand of trees is hit pretty hard when the pitch canker pathogen, a fungus called *Fusarium circinatum*, is introduced, and the most susceptible trees quickly succumb. But, as is usually the case with the process of natural selection, others are lightly impacted or not at all, and these come to dominate the forest, Gordon said.

That seems to be happening on Huckleberry Hill in Del Monte Forest, where a 160-acre pine forest was destroyed in a May 1987 fire.

The thick forest that has grown over the last decade, "looks like someone planted a whole bunch of seeds, but it's all natural regeneration," Ono said. "Monterey pines are prolific, and quite a few of those new trees are resistant to pitch canker."

"Rates of infection, especially over the last three years, have declined significantly," Staub said.

Petition to call pine threatened

The 85 percent mortality figure was headlined in a 1999 petition from the California Native Plant Society to list the Monterey pine as a threatened species. That petition was withdrawn in the face of withering criticism from scientists who pointed out that the tree is among the most common in the world, having been extensively planted in Argentina, New Zealand and other countries.

"There is hardly any chance that the Monterey pine will become extinct — in fact I don't think it would be possible to eradicate it if somebody wanted to," declared Andrew Storer, Ph.D., an assistant professor at the University of California at Berkeley, in January 2000, when the pitch canker epidemic was raging.

At that time, David Wood, Ph.D., a U.C. Berkeley professor of entomology who specializes in tree diseases spread by bark beetles, said, "The Monterey pine isn't in danger of going extinct in California or anywhere else."

There are more than 2.75 million Monterey pines in Monterey County and about 4 billion worldwide, experts say.

The coastal commission will discuss measures to protect the Monterey pine at its meeting Thursday in Monterey. According to the documents produced by their staff at past meetings, commissioners' discussions will largely be based on pitch canker research from the 1990s.

"I think it would be a mistake to rely on information that is that old," Gordon said.

The California Coastal Commission will meet at The Hyatt Regency Monterey on Old Golf Course Road March 17-19. Monterey County issues, including possible changes to the general plan, are on Thursday's agenda.

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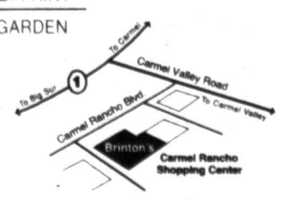

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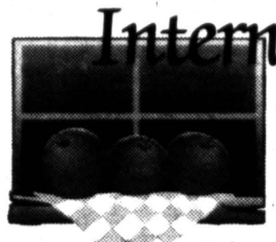

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Amuse bouche

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

HAVE YOU ever seen 150 chefs in one room — not cooking, but dining? Here's your chance to view this culinary assemblage at the **"Chef of the Year" dinner and president's ball** starting at 6 p.m. with a reception of hors d'oeuvres and libations in the mezzanine, Sunday, March 21 at the Marriott Hotel, 350 Calle Principal in Monterey. Sponsored by the **American Culinary Federation, Monterey Bay Chapter**, the chef of the year awards and presentations will take place in the Ferrante Room at the top o' the Marriott at 7 p.m to be followed by dinner at 7:45.

This is always a convivial affair, with **Executive Chef Bert Cutino** as the distinguished master of ceremonies. Former White House Chief of Staff **Leon Panetta**, **Congressman Sam Farr** and **State Senator Bruce McPherson**, and local mayors will be in attendance.The affair is open to the public at $75 per person. Call **Giacomo Stoltz** at 601-2433, or send your check to ACF, P.O. Box 7034, Carmel-by-the-Sea 93921.

HOW MANY hotels have eight restaurants plus several bars? For one, the **Raffles Hotel in Singapore**. Most of the restaurants require "smart casual" or "casual" attire, but the most formal dining room, the **Raffles Grill**, requires "smart elegant" — but then spoils it all by suggesting, "jacket recommended."

McBAUM & McBLUME is celebrating **St. Paddy's day** with an appropriate one day only name change and a feast which incorporates Ballymaloe cauliflower soup, whole wheat soda bread, corned beef rounds with housemade red wine sauce, "champ" — mashed potatoes, green onions and lots of butter — braised cabbage and key lime tart. All this served in the café at 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley Village. Price is $16.95, and to take home $16.50. Call 659-0400 for details and reservations.

ANOTHER EATERY will soon take the place of **Thunderbird Bookshop Café**, and the wall between the two entities will be sealed off with bookshelves. While the venerable Thunderbird Bookshop will continue under the guiding light and ownership of May Waldroup, booksignings and events, workshops and other festivities will henceforth be held in in the T'Bird's community room next to From Scratch Restaurant where May's office is set up. The room seats 50 people, has a fireplace, screen and DSL facilities. It's also for rent. There will be a **farewell party to the old digs** (café and patio) on Wednesday, March 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. when one of the café tables will be raffled off. Other T'Bird Café tables will be sold to sentimental habitués, bearing May's autograph. You are invited. Call 624-1803 for information. News of the new restaurant will appear in the next Amuse Bouche.

THE WINE CLUB newsletter, really a smart 32-page newspaper with color, devoted its March issue to the **Central Coast and its diverse series of appelations**. This publication has a circulation of 97,000, so more wine lovers are getting the news about our 300 miles of Central Coast wines and their ascendancy into the hierarchy of U.S. vinous products.

In this issue, wines from Santa Barbara to Paso Robles are praised. The Wine Club has nine buyers with educated palates who each taste more than 200 wines per week, each choosing only two wines to be featured in the newsletter. In this issue, the **2001 Carmel Road Chardonnay** was selected by taster **Eddie Newell** out of The Wine Club's Santa Ana office. The wine was made in Soledad, using fruit from three vineyards set against the Santa Lucia Mountains by winemaker Ivan Giotenov, and retails at $27.99. Eddie described it as well-balanced with a bouquet "exploding with nuances of vanilla, pippin apples and granite stone."

CHEF CHRIS CAUL, who will be remembered for his splendid **Giuliano's restaurant** on Mission and Fifth, Carmel-by-the-Sea some eight years ago (he owned it from '92 to '96). Chef Chris has now **purchased Wagner's Restaurant** (formerly Lincoln Court, and San Souci), and plans to open around the first of April. This will be his fifth restaurant counting two in New York, the Vintage Cafe and North Street Grill.

Catherine Caul will be there in the evening and possibly on weekends while Chris works the front of the house (having prepped all morning). Some up-scale decor changes are planned with lighting fixtures from Milan and art by Arvid. The wine list will be 100 percent domestic from Carmel Valley and Central Coast

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Epicurean Delights

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from Santa Barbara up, while a little five-seat bar will feature cocktails and martinis — with Hanger One vodka from Alameda and cognacs and ports from the Napa Valley.

Do you remember the deliciously original layered and rolled pasta appetizers from Giuliano's? You'll be able to order them again at Chef Chris' new restaurant.

LOCAL ARTISTS are invited to submit entries in the **2003 Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association art competition** for posters, brochure and merchandise publicizing the Aug. 21 **Annual Winemakers Celebration** in Custom House Plaza, Monterey. The original artwork selected will be auctioned off at the celebration. Wine-themed art must be original, two-dimensional media, no smaller than 11-by-17 inches or larger that 30-by-40 inches.

Artwork must be delivered by April 1 to the MCVGA office, 400 Camino Aguajito, Suite 1, Monterey. The winning artist will be able to sell other original art pieces in a special tent set up for that purpose as the only vendor at the celebration. Questions? Call Tamara Weinstein at 375-9400.

IT'S BEEN quite some time since **The Covey Restaurant at Quail Lodge** has had a **vintner's dinner** — but one is planned for Friday March 19 featuring **Morgan Winery**. The dinner will be held in the fireside room at 6:30 p.m. at 8205 Valley Greens Drive, Carmel. Beginning with wine and hors d'oeuvres and a chance to meet **winemaker David Coventry**, a four-course dinner will follow at 7:15 prepared by **Chef de Cuisine John Scherber** and paired to Morgan wines.

The dinner will consist of caramelized dayboat scallops, fava bean, morel, and corn sauce; Sonoma duck breast, Yukon gold potatoes, trumpet royal and leg confit; pan roasted filet mignon Rossini, pan seared foie gras, wild mushrooms and truffle sauce. The dinner will conclude with Valrhona chocolate pudding stack, chocolate florentine and crème chantilly. Tariff is $95 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Call 620-8860 for reservations.

EIGHTY WINES? Yes, so to speak, at **"Around the World in 80 Wines,"** presented by **Ray Napolitano** and **Jeff Moses** 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23 at the **Hyatt Regency Monterey**. A portion of your $45 ticket will benefit both the **Hospice Foundation** and **Meals on Wheels** with the help of local ever-altruistic restaurateurs serving regional foods paired to regional wines of the world.

Chef restaurateurs include **Greg Grohowski** of The Hyatt Regency, Monterey; **Alberto Bonatelli** of Alberto's in Pacific Grove; **Kerry Loutas** of L'Escargot in Carmel-by-the-Sea; **Julio Ramirez** of Fishwife and Turtle Bay, P.G. and Monterey; **Andre Legecher** of Lugano's, Carmel; **Jon Magnusson** of Bistro 211, Carmel; **Lloyd Morrison** of Carmel Valley Market; **Tracy Griffith**, author of "Sushi American Style"; **Rick Edge** of Pebble Beach, and more. **Calvin Wilkes**, co-owner of Fifi's, Pacific Grove, is programming international music selections, and **Pamela Mielke** is transforming the Hyatt Regency's grand ballroom into eight sections, each to represent a major wine region of the world. For tickets, call 649-6544 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THE SHAKE family is the latest restaurant family to join Passionfish, Montrio and the aquarium's Portola Cafe in making healthy oceans a priority on their menus, choosing to serve only seafood that follows sustainability guidelines

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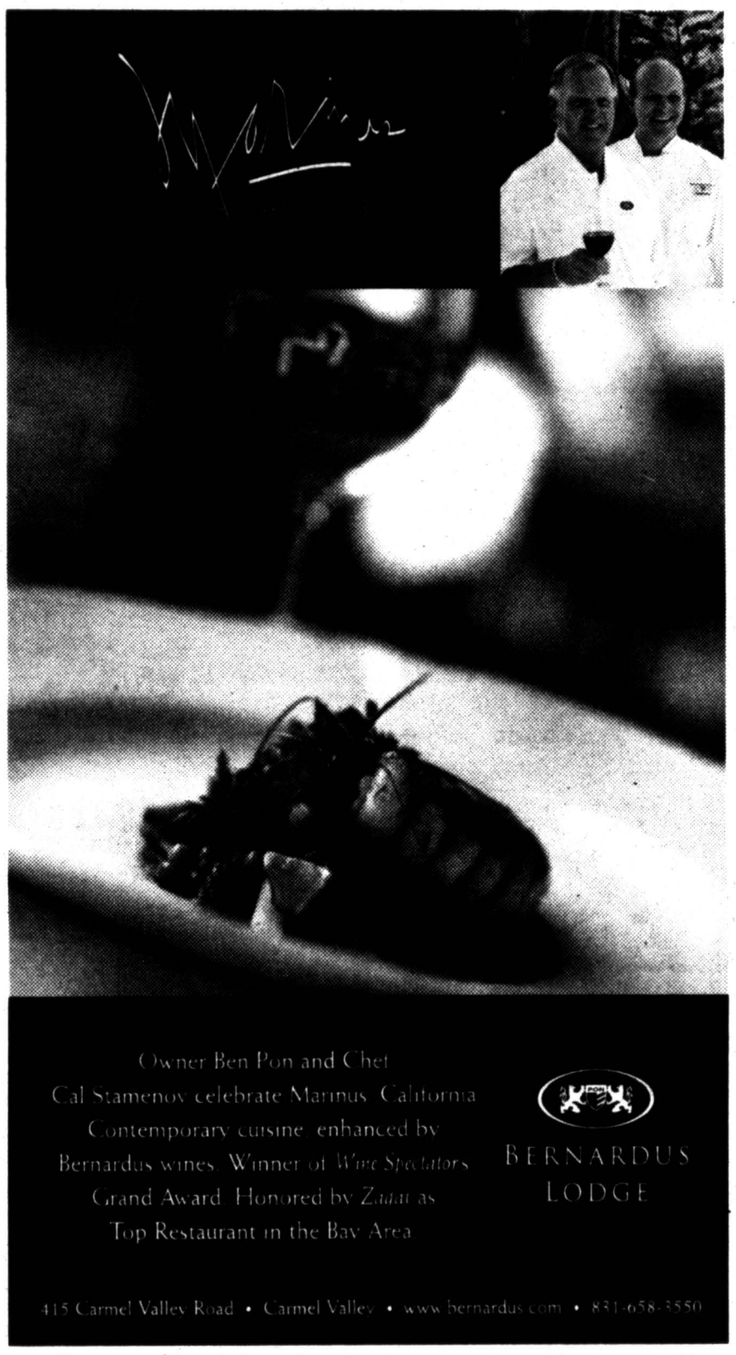
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6:30–8:30 pm $35 Alan Mello, the "Mello" Chef
We'll engage in a purely passionate, non-scientific discussion about our favorite mushrooms & how to cook with them. Includes wine tasting.
March 18 (Thursday)
Food in the Nude—Sweets
6:30–8:30 pm $40 Anna Masteller, Chef
Food in the Nude "uncooking" classes are for those who are inspired to create & maintain natural balance & radiant health through nutrition. This week an entire class is dedicated to healthy, raw, vegan sweets: pies, truffles, puddings, ice cream, cakes, cookies & shakes!
March 24 (Wednesday)
Small Bites for Springtime Entertaining
6:30–8:30 pm $35 Jan White & Kristina Westphal
Learn to prepare 6 new small bites especially for spring, including Smoked Salmon & Baby Asparagus Terrine, Spring Pea with Scallop Stacks & Blue Cheese Popovers! Includes wine tasting.
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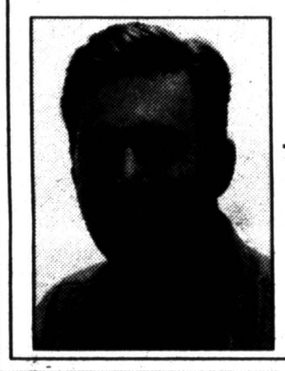

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"He was being extremely accommodating as he ushered her into ***Sun Studios;*** watching closely as her eyes took in the stunning jewelry there. "Put it on," Eric spoke in tender tones that rang hollow in her ears. He was trying too hard. Her heart pounded as she placed a brilliant canary diamond on her finger. Then a ruby. And a sapphire. "Which one?" he smiled a cloying grimace. "Why, Eric?" she asked him.

With Cara Wilson

"Because you want it," he answered. She wandered into ***Pesaresi Ceramics;*** the music of La Traviata resonating in the background as she brushed against the beautiful table. How amazing it would look on her veranda — a soft rain pelting down upon the rich volcanic stone. Vibrant colors of hand painted and molded Italian ceramics surrounded her. She longed for a picnic somewhere faraway. Later, at ***Patisserie Boissiere*** the couple sat on the terrace, the last waning light of the afternoon playing against her left eyebrow. She stared at the dazzler on her finger. "Deborah," he began. "Ssshhh," she said. "Not yet," she whispered, her eyes misting. They ate in silence sharing a rich slice of moist chocolate Bundt cake laced with clouds of whipped cream. Laughter from the diners in the next room trailed around the trays of Coquille St. Jacques, roasted chicken on brioche, chocolate éclairs and lemon roulades. But the two were in their own worlds. The server appeared and broke the silence. "Would you like more?" she asked. Deborah answered as she stared into Eric's eyes, "Oh, yes. Much more..."

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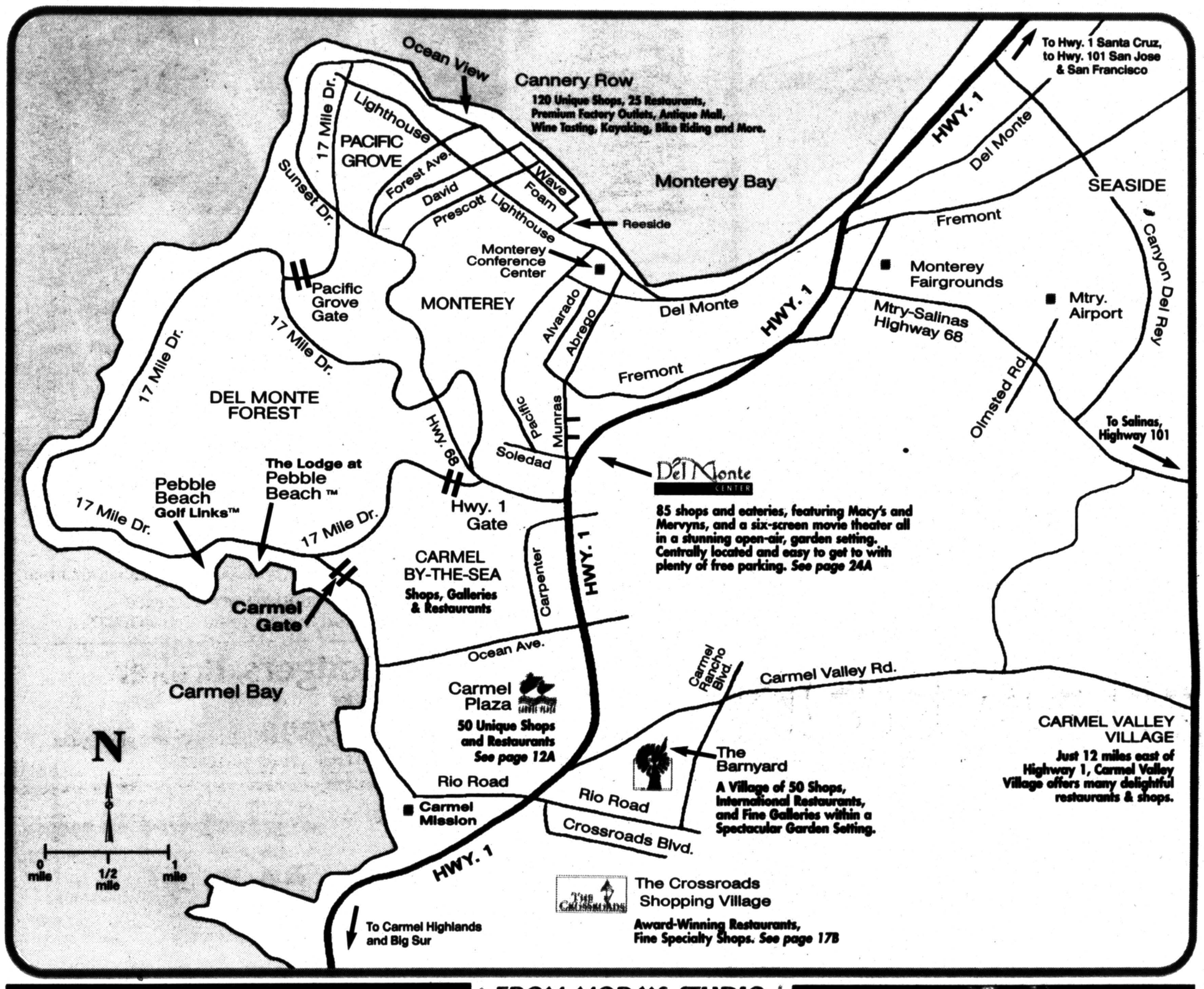

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Dining Around the Peninsula

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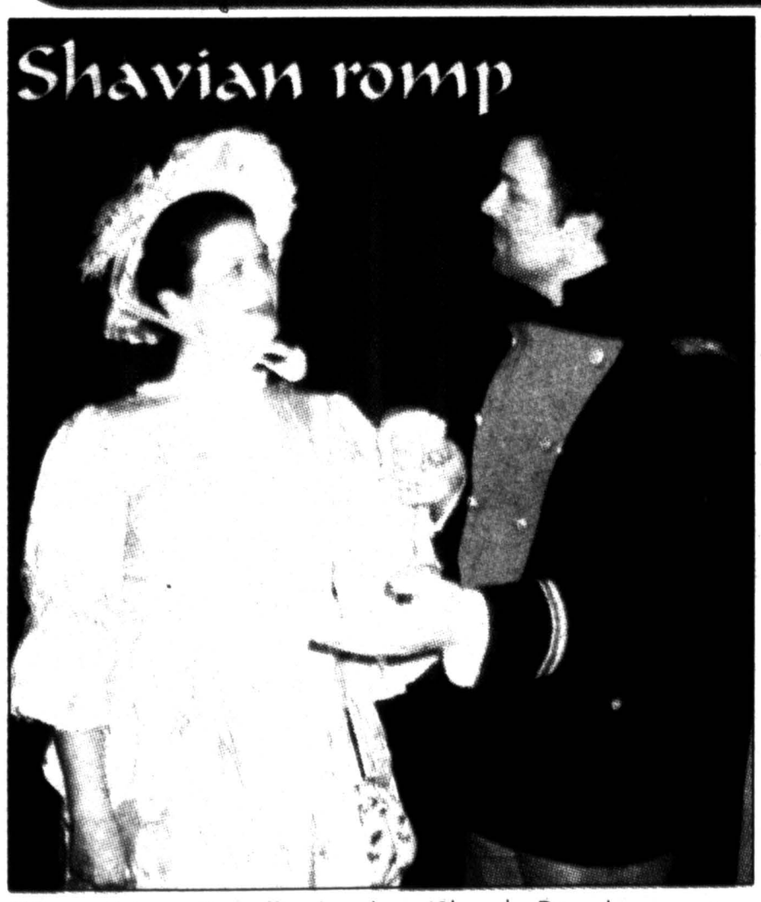
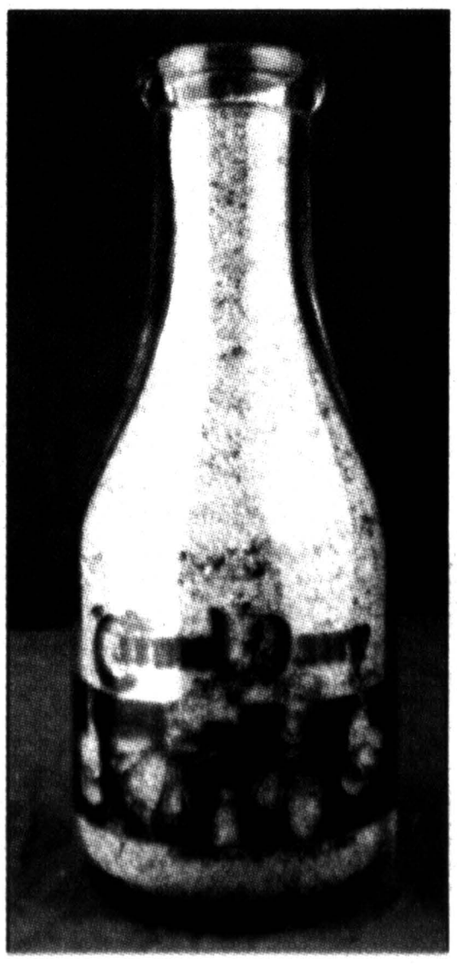


WHAT: Major Petkoff's daughter (Shandy Dixon) encounters Captain Blunchley (John Affinito) in the Staff Players Repertory Co. staging of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man"
WHEN: Gala opening night party Friday, March 12. Play continues 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays until April 4
WHERE: Indoor Forest Theater, Mountain View and Santa Rita, Carmel-by-the-Sea
COST: Gala tickets are $22 general; $18 seniors, military and students; $10 children 12 and under; regular admission is $16 general; $12 seniors, students and military and $6 children 12 and under
INFO/RESERVATIONS: 624-1531 or www.ticketguys.com

FROM MORA'S STUDIO

WHAT: A milk bottle, furniture and other artifacts gleaned from the studio of artist Jo Mora (1876-1947)
WHEN: Extended through March 31
WHERE: Maritime Museum of Monterey, 5 Custom House Plaza, Monterey
ADMISSION: $10
INFO: 372-2608, ext. 11



WHAT: Michel d'Avenas and members of the Monterey Bay Pipe Band will bring their pipes and drums to a "pub crawl" in Monterey
WHEN: 6:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 17
WHERE: Start at the Blue Fin on Cannery Row, move to the Mucky Duck and other restaurants on Alvarado Street, Monterey
INFO: 372-2020

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Monterey Symphony premieres Haydn's 'Alleluia'

THE MONTEREY Symphony will present Spanish conductor Max Bragado in a program which contains the Monterey Symphony premiere of Franz Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 30 in C major, "Alleluia"; Sibelius' Symphony No. 2 in D major and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.1 in C major featuring John O'Conor.

Single ticket prices for the 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14 and 8 p.m. Monday, March 15 performances at Sunset Center, San Carlos and Ninth, in Carmel are $56, $50, $45, $40 and $30. Prices for the 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 performance at Sherwood Hall, 940 N. Main St., Salinas, are $35, $31, $25, $20 and $15.

Visa and MasterCard are accepted. The Sunday and Monday Sunset Center performancesare nearly sold out.

For reservations call 624-8511.

L.A. PIANO QUARTET CONCERTIZES

WHAT: The Mozart Society of California presents the Los Angeles Piano Quartet, featuring Michi Wiancko, violin; Xak Bjerken, piano; Katherine Murdock, viola and Peter Rejto, cello
WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, March 19
WHERE: Sunset Theater, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea
COST: $22, students $8
INFO: 625-3637 or purchase at Thunderbird, Carmel; Bookmark, Pacific Grove; or Bay Books, Monterey

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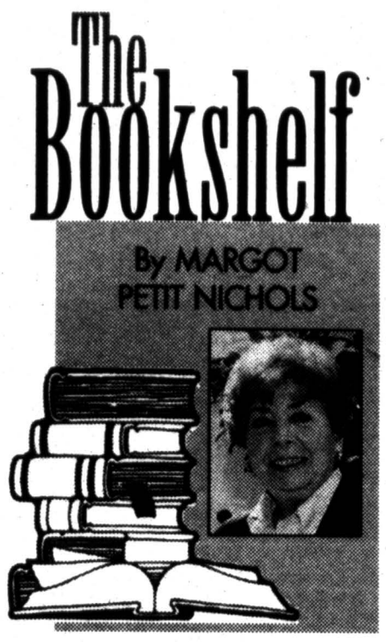
As in her previous books, Murphy sets the plot in Molena Point which bears a striking resemblance to Carmel-by-the-Sea.



Three very different and dramatic thefts take place in Molena: A painting, worth half a million dollars, is stolen from an oceanfront home; a million dollar diamond choker is the next theft; and the third, a mint condition vintage Packard roadster is driven away from an auto repair shop. All of the thefts were accomplished without any telltale evidence of who perpetrated the crimes.

Naturally the cats pad hot on the trail.

The murder comes in when Charlie Harper has a showing of her latest paintings. When a waiter drops dead at the opening reception, Murphy readers will know they're in for some super sleuthing by Joe Grey, private cat detective, his tabby *inamorata*, Dulcie, and their precocious foster kitten, named Kit.

A subplot, with Kate Osborne and evil black cat Azrael reemerging in this book in San Francisco, further the intricacies of Murphy's always well-plotted books. And as usual it's fast-paced and intriguing. Is it any wonder Murphy has received six national Cat Writers' Association awards for best novel of the year and for the Joe Grey books? Despite the fantasy angle in the Joe Grey series, these are adult books dealing with adult themes.

The 323-page hardcover, published by HarperCollins, is now available at local bookshops for $24.95.

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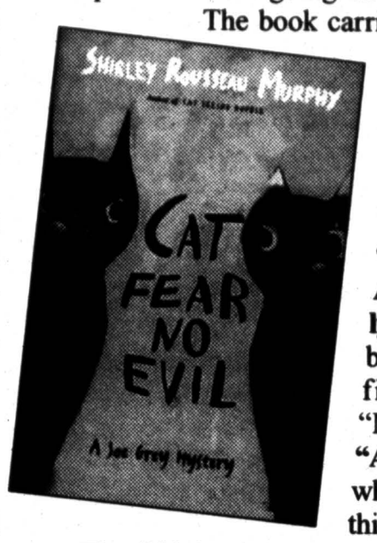
"LEFT IN GREENWICH" by **Patricia Monroe Arnold**, is a semi-autobiographical book of the author's Edgewood school years in Greenwich, Connecticut in the'40s and after, entering young adulthood with a job that paid $25 a week, loving having a Social Security number and being independent while going through night school.



The book carries her into adulthood, marriage and childbearing and raising and eventually to her move to Santa Cruz where she publishes those ubiquitous blue maps seen throughout this area. She is the author of four books, **"The Autobiography of an Activist," "Moving Up To Hollywoodland,"** and two mystery books with the game of bridge figuring prominently in both, **"Murder in Duplicate,"** and **"Ashland Psych Murder,"** both which received good reviews in this column.

The fifth book is well written, and if you like the nostalgic recollections of a young girl's life in those long ago and quite radically different years compared to the present, you'll like this one.

The 172-page soft cover published by Ariel Publishing Company of Santa Cruz, is available at local bookstores and retails for $14.95.

Patricia Monroe Arnold may be seen at a booksigning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 13 at the Thunderbird Bookshop, Carmel.

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ALLIANCE ON AGING presents an evening of music and memories, **"Marlene from Berlin to Hollywood to Berlin,"** featuring Layne Littlepage as Marlene Dietrich. Reception begins 6 p.m. Friday, March 12 at Sunset Center, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel. Fine art live auction follows and the performance starts at 7:30. Tickets are $75 per person. Details: 655-1334.

BRIAN FINEGAN, a lawyer by trade and raconteur by tradition, will present a Bit of Blarney at the Carmel Woman's Club at 2 p.m. Monday, March 15 in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. A keen observer of social and cultural changes in his ancestral land, Finegan visits Ireland every year and reports with wit and humor on the rich folklore and legends of the Emerald Isle. Admission is $3 and includes tea and refreshments immediately following the presentation.

FOREST THEATER GUILD conducts auditions for "The Sound of Music," 9 a.m. to 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 13-14, in the Carmel High School Music Room. Auditions for "Evita" are scheduled for 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21, and 6 to 10 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the Western Stage, Hartnell College, Salinas. Both shows will be staged this summer at the Outdoor Forest Theater. Info: 626-1681.

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Local author **J. S. HOLLIDAY, Ph.D.,** will be the guest speaker of the Central Coast Writers at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 at the Casa Munras Garden Hotel, 700 Munras Ave., Monterey. Historian Holliday has written two best-sellers, **"The World Rushed In,"** and **"Rush for Riches,"** both about the California gold rush. He will speak on **"An Author's Reflections: From Research to Publication to Book Store Promotion."** The meeting is free to members, and $5 to guests.

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"THE TWO SIDES OF JACK KEROUAC" by **Steve Edington** — a Unitarian Universalist minister of Nashua, New Hampshire — will appear at a 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20 free program at the Henry Miller Library, Highway 1 in Big Sur. He will explores his book **"Kerouac's Nashua Connection,"** a reading of beat poetry.

Nashua is a town in which many of Kerouac's relatives lived and is referred to throughout his writings. His French Canadian roots are explored in Edington's book; it is his contention that Kerouac had a side of him that wanted to "come off the road" and returned to his roots.

Edington will share some parts of his work-in-progress, **"The Beat Face of God: The Beat Generation Writers as Spirit Guides."**

Poet **Ric Masten** and **John Cassady** will also be there with Ric perhaps reading some of his poems, and John playing his guitar. Coffee and tea will be served. For more information, call Magnus Toren at the Henry Miller Library, 667-2574.

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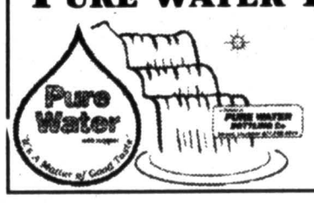

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040227. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. SEAL ROCK MARKETING SOLUTIONS
2.SEAL ROCK MULTIMEDIA
248 Main Street, Suite B&C, Salinas, CA 93901. JENNIFER AMIEE ROYBAL, 660 Via Vaquero Norte, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: May 2001. (s) Jennifer Amiee Roybal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 28, 2004. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2004. (PC 211)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040337. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. MARJORIE INGRAM & ASSOCIATES
2.CARMEL VALLEY DESIGN
13766 Village Center Suite. 21, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. MARJORIE INGRAM & ASSOCIATES, INC., CA, 13766 Village Center Suite. 21, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Jan. 1, 2004. (s) Marjorie Ingram Viales, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 10, 2004. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2004. (PC 212)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20011305. The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name **MARJORIE INGRAM & ASSOCIATES**, 13766 Village Center St., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on July 6, 2001. MARJORIE INGRAM VIALES, 20 De El Rio, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business was conducted by an individual. (s) Marjorie Ingram Viales. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 10, 2004. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2004. (PC213).

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20030973. The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name **CARMEL VALLEY DESIGN**, 13766 Village Center, Suite 21, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on April 30, 2003. MARJORIE INGRAM VIALES, 20 De El Rio, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business was conducted by an individual. (s) Marjorie Ingram Viales. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 10, 2004. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2004. (PC214).

SUMMONS
CASE NUMBER: 1-03 CV003363
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
GEORGE GARCIA MENDEZ, JOHN ROXFORD TUTELIAN *and DOE ONE through DOE TEN,* inclusive
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: NANCY LEE PETERS, JULIA PETERS

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court.

A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case.

If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

The name and address of the court is:
SANTA CLARA SUPERIOR COURT
191 North First Street
San Jose, California 95113

The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
STEPHEN M. TAMCHIN
(SBN 062977)
1450 Maria Lane, Suite 400
Walnut Creek, California 94596
(925) 939-2222

Notice to the person served: You are served as:_____
Date: Aug. 15, 2003
(s) Kiri Torre,
Chief Executive Officer/Clerk
by Asimina Papadopoulos, Deputy
Publication Dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2004. (PC215)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2004-028421. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. COAST COMMERCIAL BANK
2. GREATER BAY BANK,
400 Emerson Street, 3rd Floor, Palo Alto, CA 94301. GREATER BAY BANK, N.A., 400 Emerson Street, 3rd Floor, Palo Alto, CA 94301. This business is conducted by a national banking association. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Feb. 1, 2004. (s) Linda M. Iannone, Secretary, Greater Bay Bank, N.A. This statement was filed with the Recorder/County Clerk of San Joaquin County on Feb. 12, 2004. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2004. (PC 216)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040350. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
CASA DEL SOUL, 13750A Center Street, Carmel Valley Village, CA 93924. LINDA ELISE JACOBS, 52 Paso Cresta, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: April 1, 2004. (s) Linda Elise Jacobs. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 11, 2004. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2004. (PC 217)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040227. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. ENTERPRISE LEASING
2.ENTERPRISE RENT A CAR
2950 Merced, Suite 200, San Leandro, CA 94577. ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO, Incorporated in Nevada, 2950 Merced, Suite 200, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: June 14, 1989. (s) Mark I. Litow, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 11, 2004. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2004. (PC 218)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040201. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
AREOLA, 835 #2 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA 93940. KASHTA RAHIM TAYLOR, 725 Oceanview #3, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Jan. 23, 2004. (s) Kashta Rahim Taylor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 23, 2004. Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2004. (PC 219)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040339. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
TAQUERIA DEL VALLE, 19 E. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. LUZ ZARAZUA, 33221 E. Carmel Valley Rd., CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1990. (s) Lucy Zarazua. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 10, 2004. Publication dates: Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2004. (PC 222)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040389. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
THE MONTEREY SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE AND CLUTURE, INC., 404 Franklin St., Monterey, CA 93940. THE MONTEREY SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, INC., 404 Franklin St., Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: March 1, 2004. (s) Kim M. Archer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 17, 2004. Publication dates: Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2004. (PC 224)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M68713.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner Alfred Michael Kahn and Michele Lauren Kahn filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. *Present name*: ALFRED MICHAEL KAHN, JR.
Proposed name: AVRAM JACOB KAHN.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: April 2, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 17, 2004.

Publication dates: Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2004. (PC225)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040338. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
THOMPSON DIGITAL STUDIOS, INC., 136 El Hemmorro, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. THOMPSON DIGITAL STUDIOS, INC., 136 El Hemmorro, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: April 15, 2004. (s) Roger Thompson, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 10, 2004. Publication dates: Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2004. (PC 226)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040465. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
AVANT & ASSOCIATES, 2948 Stevenson Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. LESTER J. AVANT, 2948 Stevenson Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953; DEANNE E. AVANT, 2948 Stevenson Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: May 27, 1996. (s) Lester J. Avant This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 25, 2004. Publication dates: March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2004. (PC 301)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040476. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
TGC CONSULTING & MANAGEMENT, P.O. Box 2984 (Santa Rita Street 3 SE of 5th) Carmel, CA 93921.TIM CORBETT, Santa Rita Street 3 SE of 5th, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: March 1, 2004. (s) Tim Corbett, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 26, 2004. Publication dates: March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2004. (PC 302)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040470. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
DESIGN BY THE SEA, 5130 Ocean Bluff Court, Seaside, CA 93955. JOANNA SHERO, 5130 Ocean Bluff Court, Seaside, CA 93955. SUSAN CORONA, 3 Deer Park, Danbury, CT. 06811. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Jan. 2, 2004. (s) Joanna Suero. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 25, 2004. Publication dates: March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2004. (PC 305)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040453. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
STUDIO CARMEL, 218 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923. DARRYLE POLLACK, 27212 Prado del Sol, Carmel, CA 93923. HOLLI AMMON MOON, 26151 Ladera Dr., Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by copartners. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: March 1, 2004. (s) Darryle Pollack. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 24, 2004. Publication dates: March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2004. (PC 307)

Trustee Sale No. 031103
Loan No. 1809334995
Title Order No. 712827
APN 189-441-007, 189-441-008, 189-442-010, 189-481-001

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 8/14/1998. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 4/1/2004 at 10:00AM, Alliance Title Company, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 8/20/1998, Instrument 9855525, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California executed by: The Robles Del Rio Lodge, LLC, as Trustor First National Bank of Central California, as Beneficiary will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state.) At: At the north wing main entrance to the Monterey County Courthouse, 240 Church St., Salinas, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to an now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: The land referred to herein is situated in the state of California, county of Monterey, Unincorporated Area described as follows: Parcel 1: Lots 246, 252 and 253 in the county of Monterey, state of California, according to the map of Robles Del Rio Carmelo Subdivision No. 3, filed June 7, 1932 in volume 3, page 87 of maps of cities and towns, in the office of the county recorder of said county. Parcel 2: Lots 181, 182, 183, 254 and 254A in the county of Monterey, state of California, according to the map of Robles Del Rio Carmelo Subdivision No. 2, filed November 7, 1927 in volume 3, page 48, of maps of cities and towns, in the office of the county recorder of said county. Excepting from parcels 1 and 2 herein, any portion thereof which lies within the lines of any public or private road. Parcel 3: A non-exclusive easement for access, maintenance and utilities described as follows: A portion of the golf links lot as said lot is shown on that certain subdivision map entitled Robles Del Rio Carmelo Subdivision No. 2, filed November 7, 1927 in volume 3 of maps, "cities and towns" at page 48, Monterey County records, particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point common to a corner on the golf links lot and to the southeast corner of lot 254A as said lots are shown on above said Robles Del Rio Carmelo Subdivision No. 2 maps; thence from said point of beginning and following the southeasterly boundary of said lot 254A; (1) N 23 degrees 28' E, 60.0 feet to a point on the southwesterly boundary of that certain public road, shown as Calle De La Ventana on said subdivision map; thence along said southwesterly road boundary (2) S 66 degrees 32' E, 80.0 feet; thence along the southerly boundary of said road (3) N 88 degrees 28' E, 50.0 feet; thence leaving said southerly road boundary and continuing along a portion of the southeasterly boundary of said golf links (4) S 30 degrees 04' W, 80.00 feet; thence leaving said southeasterly golf links boundary and continuing through said golf links lot (5) N 67 degrees 34' W, 118.7 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 4: Those portions of Punta Del Monte Road and Calle De La Ventana Road as set forth in exhibit "A" of that certain resolution of summary abandonment executed by the county of Monterey under resolution no. 98-172 and recorded April 5, 2000 as document no. 2000021572 official records of Monterey County. A.P.N. 189-441-007 189-441-008 189-442-010 189-481-001 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 200 Punta Del Monte, Carmel Valley, CA 93924- 9729. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: $4,096,900.36 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary: First National Bank of Central California c/o Alliance Title Company Default Service Center 530 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95816 Phone No: (916) 551-1300 Sale information can be obtained on line at www.prioritypostng.com Automated Sales Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 3/2/2004 Alliance Title Company, a California Corporation as Trustee Vickie Levas, Trustee's Sale Officer P211960. 3/12, 3/19, 03/26/2004
Publication dates: March 12, 19, 26, 2004. (PC 308)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040563. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
GALLERY NORTH, 4 SE of Dolores & 5th, Carmel, CA 93921. BARBARA R. KREITMAN, NW Corner Lincoln & 2nd, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: March 4, 2004. (s) Barbara R. Kreitman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 4, 2004. Publication dates: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2004. (PC 309)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040562. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
SILVER CROSS VAULT, 1725 Sunset Dr., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. CHERIE BIEMONT REYNOLDS, 1725 Sunset Drive, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: March 11, 2004. (s) cherie Reynolds. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 4, 2004. Publication dates: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2004. (PC 310)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Design Review Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Wednesday, March 24, 2004. The public hearing will be opened at 4:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

IF YOU CHALLENGE THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD OR THE CITY COUNCIL, AT, OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

1. DS 04-36
Eleen Auvil Hall
SW corner Santa Rita & 3rd
Block 39, Lot 1
Consideration of a Design Study (Revisions to an approved plan) application for a fence and site coverage located in the Residential (R-1) District.

2. DS 04-24
Carl Howard
NW corner Santa Fe & 2nd
Block 14, Lot 19
Consideration of a Design Study for a six foot fence in the front setback located in the Residential (R-1) District.

3. DS 04-10
Michael LePage
W/s Monterey btwn 1st & 2nd
Block 19, Lot 17
Consideration of a Design Study (Concept and Final Review) application for additions to a single family residence located in the Residential (R-1) District.

4. DS 04-3
James Manchester
NE corner Dolores & 1st
Block 6 1/2, W1/2, Lots 18 & 20
Consideration of a Design Study (Final Review) application for the substantial alteration of a one-story single family dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

5. DS 04-33
James McGillen
W/s Casanova btwn 7th & 8th
Block H, Lot 9
Consideration of a Design Study (Track One Referral) application for the addition of skylights to a street-facing elevation of an existing dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

6. DS 03-163
Bill O'Connor
NW corner Mission & 12th
Block 130, Lot 13
Consideration of a Design Study (Concept and Final Review) application for rebuild of an existing single family dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

7. DS 03-158
Kirk Schroeder
NE corner San Carlos & 12th
Block 130, Lot 14
Consideration of a Design Study (Final Review) application for alterations to a single family dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

8. DS 04-16
Robert Shapiro
SW corner San Antonio & Santa Lucia
Block Z, Lots 14 & 16
Consideration of a Design Study application for a fence that exceeds four feet in height along a street side setback located in the Residential (R-1) District.

9. DS 04-6
Tom Whent
E/s Guadalupe btwn 1st & Valley Way
Block 3, Lot 2
Consideration of a Design Study (Concept and Final Review) for the replacement of siding on an existing single family dwelling located in the Residential (R-1) District.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
(s) Anne Morris
Secretary of said Board
Publication dates: March 12, 2004. (PC311)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040579. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
PRUDENCE DUCICH & ASSOCIATES, 170 Calle de La Ventana, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. PRUDENCE DUCICH, 170 Calle de La Ventana, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Aug. 2003. (s) Prudence Ducich. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 8, 2004. Publication dates: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2004. (PC 312)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040589. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
AMERICA TRAVEL, 1033 E. Alisal St., Suite E, Salinas, CA 93905-2700. VIAJES AMERICA IN CA, 1033 E. Alisal St., Suite E, Salinas, CA 93905. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Oct. 1996. (s) Maria Carmen Marroquin, Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 9, 2004. Publication dates: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2004. (PC 314)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040430. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
AMERICAN JUDGEMENT RECOVERY, 814 Garner St., Salinas, CA 93905. SAM JACKSON, 814 Garner St., Salinas, CA 93905. ROBERT PRIOR, 814 Garner St., Salinas, CA 93905. This business is conducted by co-partners. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Feb. 1, 2004. (s) Robert Prior. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 20, 2004. Publication dates: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2004. (PC 315)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040560. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL RESTORATION & CLEANING CO., 1232 Del Monte Ave., unit 'B', Monterey, CA 93940-2428. PETER JOHN SARAFOLEAN, 1232 Del Monte Ave., unit 'B', Monterey, CA 93940-2428. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Jan. 1, 1983. (s) Peter John Sarafolean. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 4, 2004. Publication dates: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2004. (PC 316)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040574. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
UNIQUE RESOLUTIONS, 27700 Schulte Road, Carmel, CA 93923. SUZANNE VENN, 27700 Schulte Road, Carmel, CA 93923, CHRISTOPHER VENN, 27700 Schulte Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: March 1, 2004. (s) Suzanne Venn, Christopher Venn. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 5, 2004. Publication dates: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2004. (PC 317)

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A CONCERT of well-known overtures, Paso Dobles, circus marches, sacred and patriotic music will be performed by the Watsonville Band in a free concert at Sunset Theater in Carmel.

The two-hour concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 at the theater on San Carlos Street at Ninth Avenue, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

The band is celebrating its 57th year of producing music at home and around the world. Musicians are drawn from four Central Coast counties and range in age from 16 to 88.

Conductor Silvester "Mac" McElroy is a graduate of the U.S. Naval School of Music with an M.A. from Sacramento State University.

Silvester McElroy, who taught band at Santa Cruz High School for 27 years, has conducted the Watsonville Band for six years.

Noted soprano, baritone perform benefit

SOPRANO YOLANDA Mitchell West and baritone Michael Paul Smith will perform a benefit concert titled, "From Mozart to Porgy," at 8 p.m. Friday, March 12 at the Santa Catalina School Performing Arts Center. The duo will perform arias and duets from opera and Broadway, as well as selections from "Porgy and Bess," "Showboat" and more. The concert benefits the Santa Catalina School Scholarship Funds.

Tickets are $25. Reservations: 655-9310.

All Saints seeks rummage

ALL SAINTS Episcopal Church is issuing a call for donations to support its annual rummage sale, a benefit for local outreach projects.

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Donations may be dropped off any day between now and the end of April at All Saints Episcopal Church, Seccombe Hall, Lincoln near Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. To arrange pick up of larger items, call 373-6286 or 373-7570.

AMUSE BOUCHE

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from the **Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch** program. **Chris, Sabu Jr.** and **Tene**, owners of four restaurants on the Peninsula, will present a Seafood Watch pocket guide along with the check delivered to each table at The Fish Hopper, Old Fisherman's Grotto, Cabo's Wild Mexican Restaurant and The Wharfside Restaurant and Lounge. Many other local restaurants follow the sustainability concept to some degree or another.

The pocket guides are on the aquarium's web site at www.montereybayaquarium.org.

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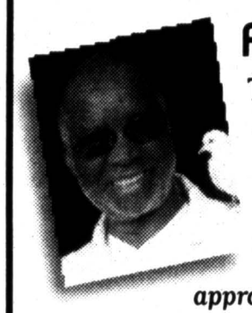

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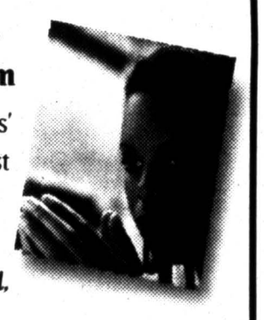

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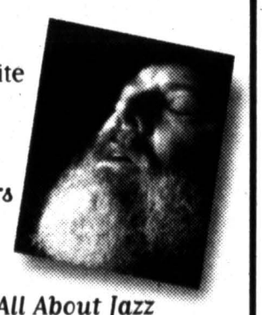

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TRAFFIC

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"This is an issue that concerned us, and most occurred right in the commercial area," she said. "Carmel is such a beautiful place that driver concentration is not what it should be."

'Shopping basket'

Commissioned three years ago and completed in January, the Higgins study includes numerous possible fixes.

"We wanted to present Carmel with a shopping basket of little bite-sized proposals — improvements people could make," van Heerden explained.

Among potential changes for each of the 20 hot spots, the study recommended designating a few high-priority changes, including:

- implementing an annual "Pedestrian Route Improvement Program" to make popular walking routes safer;
- installing bike route signs;
- increasing sight distance and adding turn and merge lanes at Junipero and Seventh;
- acquiring and evaluating the accident data for the remaining five months of 2003 to see if additional hot spots appear; and
- installing four-way stops in the commercial district, from Monte Verde to Junipero and Fifth to Eighth avenues.

"Then people know everyone gets a turn," she said. "They will reduce the decision-making aspect and will enhance traffic safety."

Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud worried that on such short blocks, the additional stops might cause backups, while resident Clay Berling suggested posting "cross-traffic does not stop" signs to advise drivers when they should wait.

Rio Road roundabout?

While not designating it as a high priority, the consultant identified Rio Road at Junipero and Santa Lucia as a complicated and confusing area in need of a redo. The study suggested several fixes, such as closing off Ridgewood Road, installing a three-way stop at Rio and Santa Lucia, realigning the intersection at 13th Avenue and building a "mini-roundabout."

The five-way stop at Junipero and Ocean — which confounds even longtime local drivers trying to cross town — contains numerous potential vehicle-vs.-vehicle and vehicle-vs.-pedestrian conflict points, according to the study. There were eight accidents there over the evaluation period compared with a high of 11 at Ocean and San Carlos, but the busy crossing would be safer if it had a traffic signal or a roundabout. Making Mountain View one way would reduce some of the potential conflicts.

Although Higgins Associates verified the controversy-ridden one-way block of Fifth Avenue in front of the post office as a hot spot, it concluded the area needs separate study, given the number of people who would by affected by changes there.

Throughout town, van Heerden recommended pruning the landscaping so drivers could see farther into the intersections.

Nonetheless, the report admitted, "a lot of the accidents could be attributed to bad driving, and it is not within the power of the city staff to change that."

Speeding is not an issue, according to the study. After surveying speeds in various spots, the consultant discovered that on most streets posted with a 25 mph limit, 85 percent of the drivers were traveling at less than 20 mph. On Sixth Avenue downtown, the median speed was 14 mph. On Rio Road on the way out of town, 85 percent of drivers travel at 26 mph or slower.

'Straight-line mentality'

Councilwoman Barbara Livingston condemned the report as having a "straight-line mentality and big city solutions," and asked if the consultant had considered removing all downtown stop signs and returning to the "you-go-I-go" method.

Van Heerden said she could not recommend such a broad-brush approach.

McCloud asked if some of the residential streets might be reduced to 15 mph, and van Heerden said the narrow, curving, hilly streets would warrant the reduced speed limit.

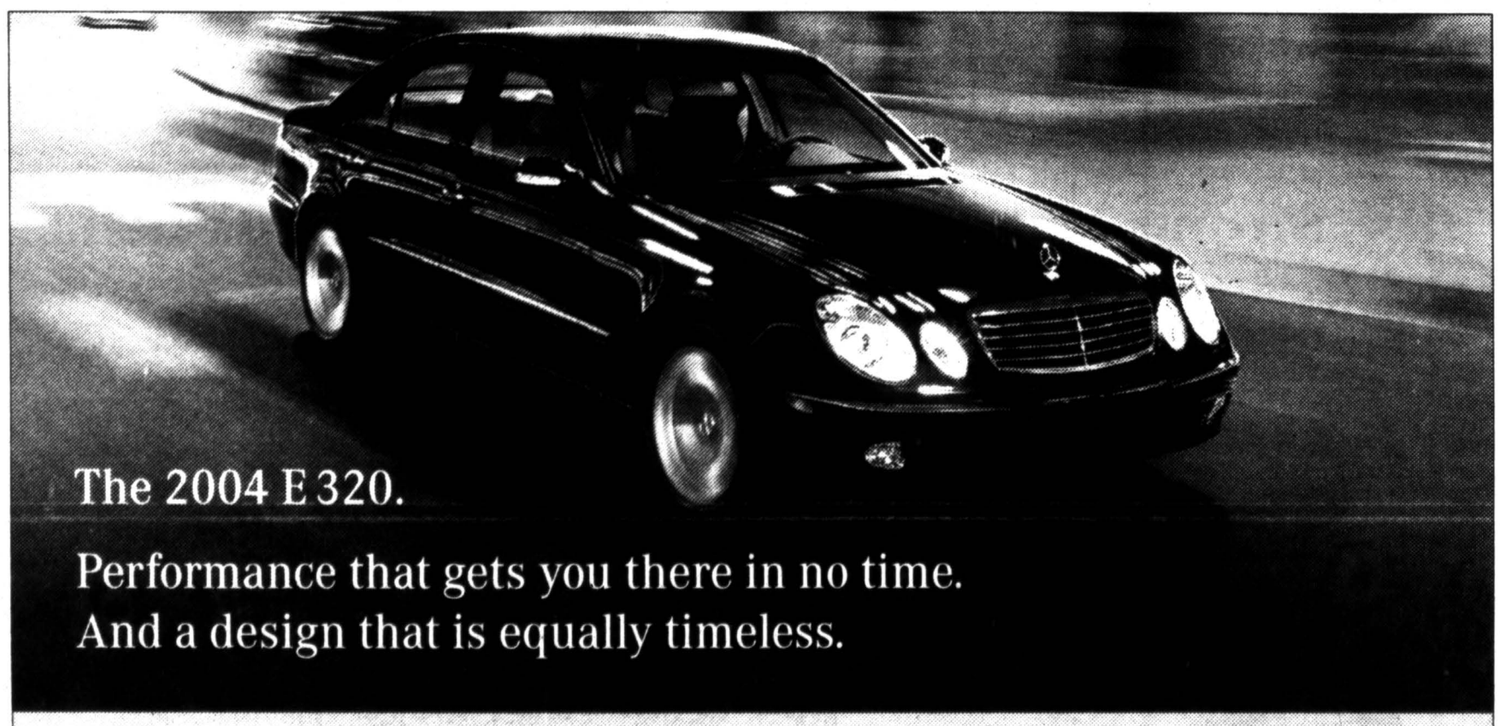
The mayor also wondered how to keep the numerous pedestrians — who bring Carmel's normal population of 4,081 up to 35,000 during the peak season — from clogging crosswalks and irritating drivers trying to get through town.

"The things we can't control are the way pedestrians behave and the way motorists behave," van Heerden commiserated. "But some places can accommodate an entirely pedestrian walk."

Councilman Dick Ely, who also sits on the board of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, said TAMC has money available for pedestrian and bikeway projects and suggested the city pursue it.

Councilwoman Paula Hazdovac observed that large vehicles parked at street corners often impede drivers' sight and asked if they could be prevented from parking in such spots. Councilman Gerard Rose responded he'd seen that restriction in Chicago.

The council took no action after receiving the study, which is being reviewed by the community traffic safety commission.



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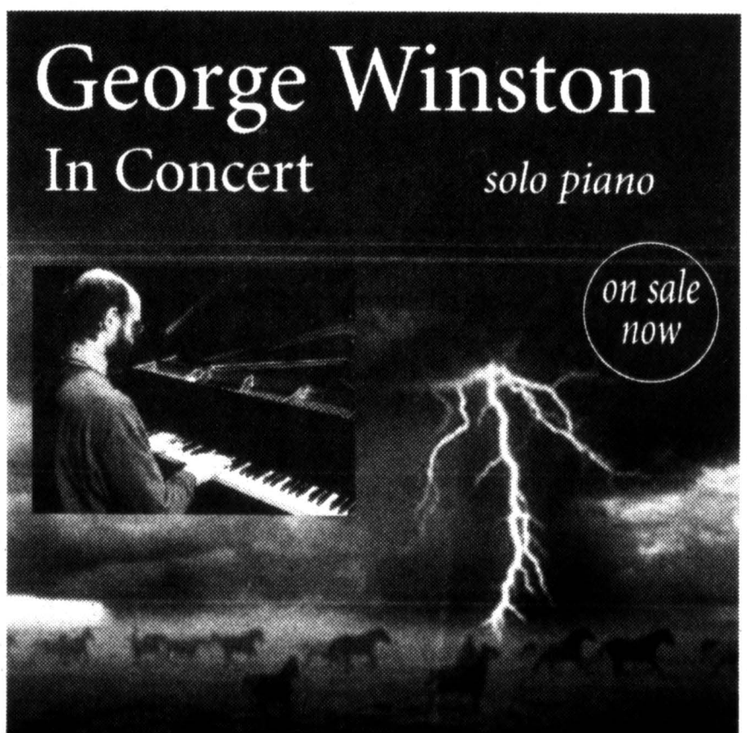

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FORUM

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added. "I don't know if I would want it to be annexed."

(According to the Carmel Municipal Code, it is illegal for live music to be played anywhere alcohol is sold, with the exception of Sunset Center.)

Cunningham said he could not answer the question without knowing how much each side would gain over the long term.

McCloud joked that tickets could be sold for a shootout between Eastwood and the "poor, defenseless, woman Mayor of Carmel," and then in seriousness reminded the audience that state law requires any annexation be "revenue neutral," meaning the county could not lose money in the deal.

Ely and Maradei took the matter seriously, the former saying he had already mentioned it to Eastwood business associate Alan Williams.

"I felt that opening a dialogue not only with Mission Ranch but other sphere-of-influence properties would significantly improve the long-term health of our city," he said.

Maradei researched it "some time ago" and found the county's tax receipts amounted to as much as $200,000 from Mission Ranch, some of which he thought the city could get. An offer of annexation "would be a very generous act" on Eastwood's part, Maradei said. "And if that happened, I would like to see the uses there grandfathered in."

Sunset Center management

On running the most important property already in the city's hands, McCloud, Bethel, Gorry and Cunningham favor independent management such as that proposed by the private nonprofit Sunset Cultural Center, Inc., while Ely would not say and Maradei prefers city staff.

Maradei said the Carmel Cultural Commission should continue overseeing Sunset's management since that is its traditional role and members have proved their abilities. But the marketing director hired to run it is crucial, he said. "That's the individual who will make it a success or a failure."

Ely lamented that the matter is still not settled and worried about contract negotiations still to come if SCC is chosen.

"The bottom line is we have to get someone in there running it," he said. "The longer it is dark, the more difficult it is to get it filled with performers."

McCloud said a nonprofit like SCC would be able to manage the center effectively and efficiently, far better than "a bureaucratic approach" by the city. She agreed a marketing manager should be hired right away and blamed Ely for standing in the way by refusing to attend closed council sessions in which contracts are negotiated.

"It's very hard to hire somebody when that individual can't be told whom he or she will be working for," McCloud said.

Ely responded that two attorneys advised him it "would be inappropriate" for the council and SCC to talk about the contract behind closed doors.

"It's beyond me how we could put so much energy into building Sunset Center for two years and not figure out how to run it before it was finished," Gorry commented. While he called the SCC board "a blue-ribbon bunch of people" who know what they're doing, he advocated installing a few members of the cultural commission on the board to diffuse some of the controversy.

"I think we've kicked this thing around long enough," Gorry said.

The city cannot afford to mismanage the school-auditorium-turned-high-tech-theater, according to Bethel, and the nine-member SCC has the necessary focus, backgrounds, flexibility and stability.

"It doesn't fluctuate with the political currents in city hall," he said. "And it's going to be responsive."

"The key is to have a contract that paints the picture clearly to them, so they know what constitutes success in the eyes of the city," Cunningham agreed.

Tourist wooing

While they advocated attracting more tourists to boost sales and hotel tax income, the candidates differed on how to do it and whether to tax tourists more.

Rather than spending money on a marketing campaign to bring them to town — as former Mayor Ken White advocated during his 2002 council bid — Maradei said the city should first cut costs. Failing that, it could raise the transient occupancy tax or develop another revenue producer.

"If we raise the hostelry tax, some [of the money] should be returned to the hostelry and tourism industry to build the marketing of Carmel-by-the-Sea," he said.

Ely observed that sales tax and TOT pay for 60 percent of the city's expenses.

"We need to relook at the marketing program and figure out a better way to attract the kinds of tourists we want without taking away from the ambiance," he said.

McCloud touted Sunset. "It's hoped that Sunset, by increasing its use, will bring the type of people in who will be here overnight, eat in the restaurants and stay in hotels," she said.

The question should focus on quality rather than quantity, according to Bethel.

"I would encourage us to think outside of the box to make sure we attract the kind of people who stay longer," he said.

"One way to get more revenue is to get more tourists," Gorry admitted. "But you have a Catch-22: How do we get money to give to the business community to attract more tourists when we don't have money for basic services?"

He favors raising the TOT to 12 percent to bring in $800,000 more a year. Half could be used toward the debt on Sunset Center, $200,000 for the Rio Park debt, $100,000 for the business community's tourism advertising with another $50,000 available to them through a matching grant program, and the remaining $50,000 for whatever the city wanted.

Cunningham wondered how much should be spent to attract visitors.

"Despite the fact that it's difficult to define the dollars, it's like an investment that has to meet certain criteria," he said, including a strategy to increase TOT and sales tax dollars by more than the amount invested.

Flanders, etc.

The lines were more clearly drawn in the debate over Flanders Mansion, with Ely and Maradei opposed to its sale and McCloud and Bethel in favor of it. Gorry said he would consider selling if voters agreed and the money would help pay off Sunset, and Cunningham said the mansion should be analyzed just like any other city asset to see if it's worth keeping.

All said they would continue paying for home mail delivery to elderly and housebound Carmel residents, but Maradei, who used to run the post office and sees it as the town center, said he probably would not have voted for the program.

Asked whether the city council should study the recent straightening of the street in front of the post office — with an eye to putting the old bump-out back — Ely said a study is just a way to back-burner the controversy. He has said the street should be put back the way it was before the city administrator "unilaterally" decided to straighten the sidewalk.

He said the incident is a good indicator of the problems at city hall which inspired him to run for mayor.

Bethel, who sits on the traffic safety commission, favors studying the situation before any more construction is done.

Responding to criticism that she runs roughshod over opponents and ignores community input, McCloud said she has always valued teamwork. She also pointed out that Ely rarely opposed her in the 220 council votes cast since 2002. They took opposite sides on only nine.

Calling for a return of civility, Gorry told everyone in attendance: "We've got to remember this is Carmel, not Bosnia. This is Paradise, and I think we ought to have the good sense to enjoy it."

To see the entire forum, tune into KMST cable channel 26 at 8 a.m. Sunday, March 14. Ely and McCloud are also set to appear during the 6 p.m. news April 7 on KSBW-TV.

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Public Notice

The Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing on 24 March 2004 in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. The public hearing begins at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to gather public comments prior to taking action on the proposed Municipal Code amendment and Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan described in this notice. The City Council is scheduled to consider adoption of the Municipal Code amendment/Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan at its Regular Meeting on 6 April 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. If adopted, the proposed ordinances, guidelines and other documents contained in the Coastal Implementation Plan will replace the Zoning Code of the City (Title 17 of the Municipal Code) and will replace a variety of other documents used by the City in the review of proposed development. Persons interested in the proposal are encouraged to review the draft available at the Department of Community Planning and Building or at Harrison Memorial Library prior to these meeting dates. Copies of the draft document may be purchased at Copies-by-the-Sea located at the southwest corner of Dolores Street and Fifth Avenue in Carmel.

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Proposed Action

The proposed action is adoption of amendments to the City's Zoning Code and related ordinances, Design Guidelines for residential property, commercial property and for public rights-of-way plus adoption of a Shoreline Management Plan. The proposed project establishes standards and regulations on a variety of topics including but not limited to setbacks, height and coverage, zoning boundaries, allowed land uses in each zone and the standards and regulations for parking, nonconforming structures and uses, signs, subdivisions lot line adjustments and environmental protection. Significant new provisions proposed in the Zoning Code include establishment of a Downtown Conservation District, new regulations for storm water runoff and drainage, new regulations and processes for the protection of historic resources, significant trees, environmentally sensitive habitat areas and coastal access. The project also would replace the existing Beach Overlay District with a new Beach and Riparian Overlay District including and new boundaries for this district would generally include all property within 100 feet of a stream or creek, all property within 300 feet of the edge of a coastal bluff and all property west of the first public road inland from the sea.

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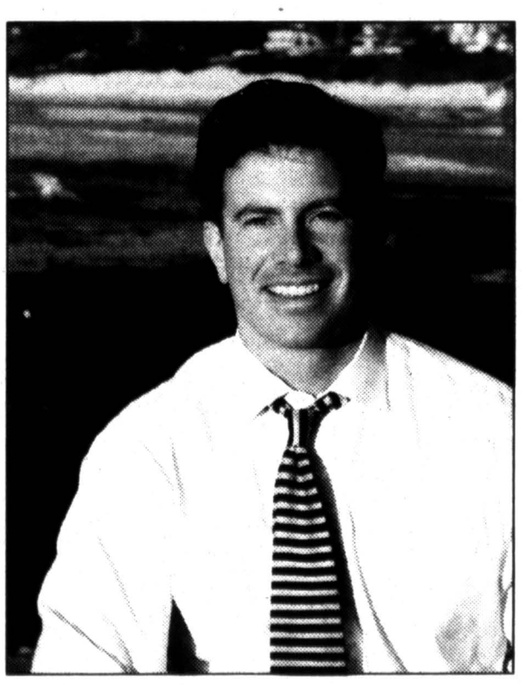

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OPINION

Editorial

Finishing the LCP

MUCH OF what the government does is a mystery. If there's a pothole in your street and you call city hall and somebody comes and fixes it, that's easy to comprehend. But why is it such a big deal that Carmel has finished its Local Coastal Program and that, with just a few more pro forma steps, the city will have the power to issue coastal development permits?

In 1972 California voters, alarmed at the overdevelopment in places like Malibu and Orange County, voted to impose statewide standards for subdivisions and building permits along the coast. But imposing such standards meant taking planning authority away from local governments where it had long been held and which were very reluctant to let it go. In a classic urban-vs.-rural split, people in the less developed parts of California — with fewer people and, thus, less political clout at the state level — envisioned themselves being told what to do by their big-city brethren.

Responding to these concerns, the Legislature, when it codified Prop 20 in the California Coastal Act of 1976, made a compromise: Local governments would be stripped of final permit authority in favor of the Coastal Commission, but only temporarily. As soon as a city or county in the coastal zone revised its local ordinances, via a Local Coastal Program, to conform with the strict environmental policies in the Coastal Act, the power to issue permits would be returned.

Some local governments acted quickly to gets their LCPs finished. The unincorporated parts of Monterey County have had LCPs for nearly 20 years. But other places dragged their feet. Carmel didn't complete its LCP until late 2001; only two weeks ago, the coastal commission accepted the document. Pacific Grove and Monterey still haven't finished theirs.

Citizens of a city without an LCP are put through permit double jeopardy. First, they have to take their plans for even small projects to city hall for a round of environment review, neighborhood comment, and permit hearings. Then they have to go through the same thing all over again at the coastal commission. Just getting rid of this redundant and expensive process is reason enough to celebrate completion of the Carmel LCP.

But an even grosser injustice is often suffered by permit applicants in cities without LCPs. At the local level, planning decisions are made by people with a stake in the community and local expertise. The standards applied are usually the community's standards, which is what they should be, when a small building project is at stake.

But at the coastal commission, even the smallest project is usually evaluated by people with a completely different, and often arbitrary, agenda. The result at that level can be — and often is — the opposite of what perfectly well-intentioned, and much better informed, people in local government decided. Activists without much clout at city hall — and even those who aren't taken the least bit seriously at the local level — often find their opinions treated with great deference by the coastal commission, where a unanimous vote of a city council is sometimes taken less seriously than an impassioned appeal from a single individual. This dynamic led some people, aware they were out of touch with majority opinion at the local level, to try to delay the adoption of LCPs in their cities.

But when an LCP takes effect — which will happen in Carmel very soon — the double jeopardy will disappear and the activists will lose their unfair advantage. That will be a happy day for nearly every citizen of this town.

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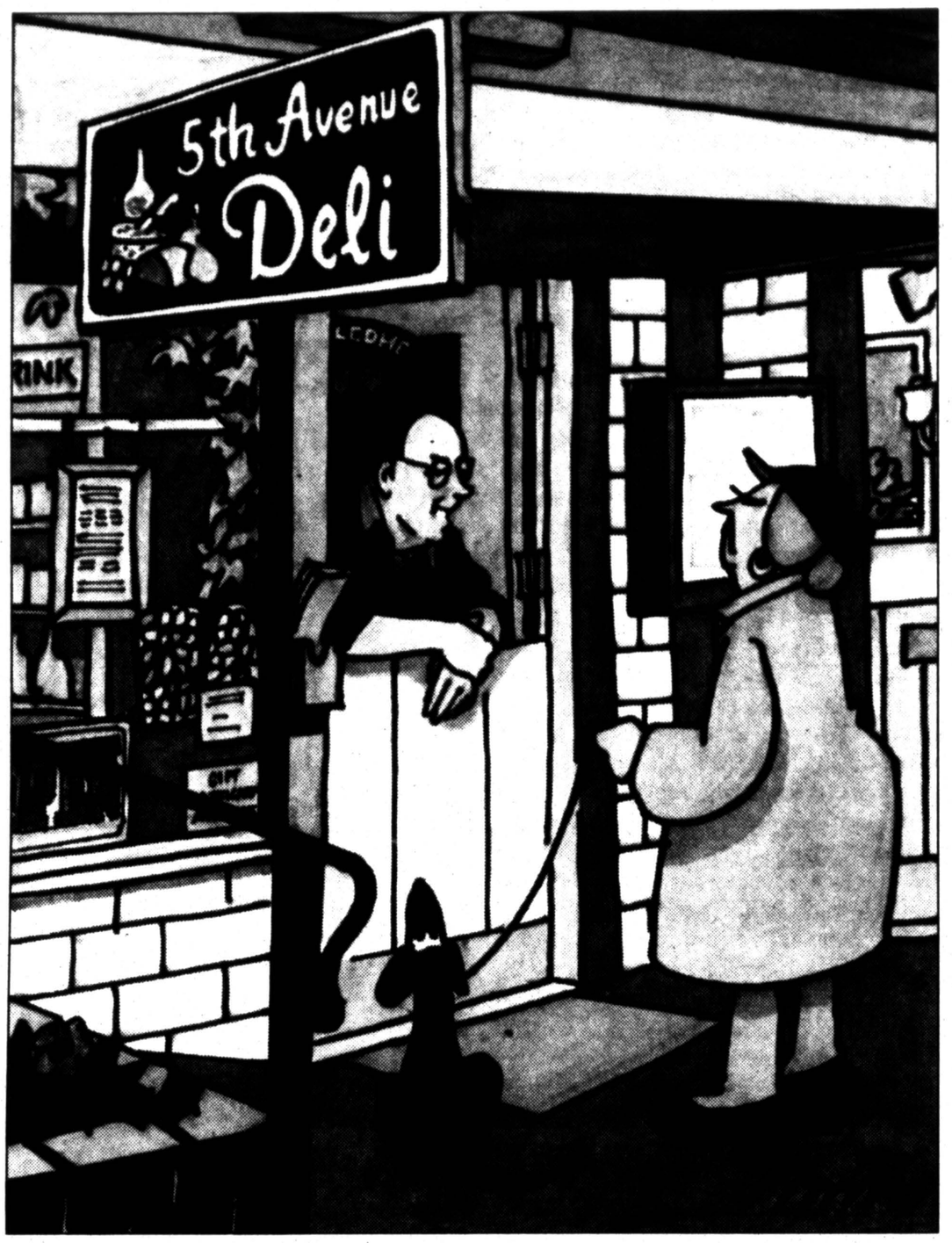

"The downside of being two blocks from Ocean Avenue is the tourists can't find us. The upside is the tourists can't find us."

Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone tried hard to be fair at Tuesday's forum, but we do not think it is our obligation to ask candidates only the questions they would like to be asked. We invite readers to judge for themselves by watching the TV replay at 8 Sunday morning, March 14, on cable channel 26.

Another lousy forum?

Dear Editor,

The Pine Cone has squandered yet another opportunity for political discourse in the public arena! Once again, the publisher of The Carmel Pine Cone, the sole provider of local news for our community, had the opportunity to sponsor a balanced, even-handed and unbiased political forum for the council and mayoral candidates to discuss the important issues facing our community. As moderator of the March 8 "Pine Cone Forum," the publisher did our citizens a disservice by injecting his personal viewpoints and spin on many of the questions — especially those addressed to mayoral candidate Dick Ely. In my opinion, the publisher's negative attitude towards council member Ely was evident to almost everyone in the room. The display of a political agenda, for the entire audience to witness, was at best patronizing and at worst an example of blatant arrogance.

Greg D'Ambrosio, *Carmel*

'Strong leader

Dear Editor,

"Leadership" is somewhat difficult to define, but you know it when you see it. It includes intelligence, hard work, being a good listener, being patient, caring about the task and being a good problem solver. A leader who has these virtues is not always going to make everyone happy, but tries to find the best of all possible options, with the greatest good for the most.

Sue McCloud has provided all of these characteristics, and has added patience in spite of endless hours at meetings, at Council sessions and other public opportunities. She cares about Carmel-by-the-Sea or she would not be sacrificing 60 hours per week of her life to fulfill the promises she made at the start of her tenure. She has fulfilled every promise made from the beginning, although getting some of it done after three decades of inaction has been trying. Vote for Sue McCloud so she can complete the plan for Carmel's future.

Yvonne and Robert Nordhof, *Carmel*

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City government at its best

Dear Editor,

Angry language and scare tactics, the same old stuff of past CRA campaigns, sum up the campaign of Dick Ely for mayor. Desperate for an issue, Ely consulted the CRA Handbook of Angry Adjectives and concocted a depiction of Carmel city government as being secretive, heavy-handed, manipulative and controlling. What is most unusual about this depiction is that candidate Ely voted very frequently with Mayor Sue McCloud with nary a word about these charges until he started running against her. All of this from a candidate who never stops saying that what Carmel city government needs is increased respect and civility

Interestingly, the negative talking does raise an important question. If city hall is what Ely says it is, then how was it that two challenging, complex and exacting projects — the renovation of Sunset Center and the Carmel Local Coastal Program — ever made such impressive progress? Was it because of a group of angry, frustrated obstructionists? Obviously not. Rather, a cool, low-key and focused Sue McCloud led two dedicated and skillful project teams, with a get-the-job-done commitment, to the finish line.

Now that is Carmel city government at its best!

Dale Hekhuis

SCC is a nonprofit

Dear Editor,

There were some misstatements in a recent letter to the editor concerning the status of the Sunset Cultural Center, Inc. SCC was incorporated under the laws of the State of California as a nonprofit public benefit corporation, and The Pine Cone correctly identified SCC as a nonprofit corporation. Also, the writer apparently confused "nonprofit" with "501(c)(3)," a status conferred by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Internal Revenue Service does not determine whether a corporation is for-profit or nonprofit, but rather whether the corporation is required to pay income taxes and whether donations to that organization are deductible for income tax purposes. Most corporations applying to the IRS for non-taxable status are new organizations, and U.S. Treasury Department regulations have specific provisions dealing with new organizations including submission of projected budgets for two years.

New nonprofits seeking determination of tax-exempt status must file IRS form 1023; that form, and the instructions to it are available online at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/k1023.pdf. The SCC is in the process of preparing the form 1023 and its California equivalent.

Jim Price, *chair*
Sunset Cultural Center, Inc.

LUAC

From page 5A

"That's why we're here today," Williams said. "After we go through the county process, we have the entire coastal commission process. It's a long, arduous process, but the new ownership is committed to see this through."

After the LUAC completes its hearings — which are scheduled to continue March 12 at 9 a.m. at the community services conference room on Lopez Road — the Pebble Beach proposal will be considered by the Monterey County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Then the plan will go to the California Coastal Commission, where the staff has made no secret of its opposition to a new golf course where native Monterey pines now stand *(see story, page 1A)*.

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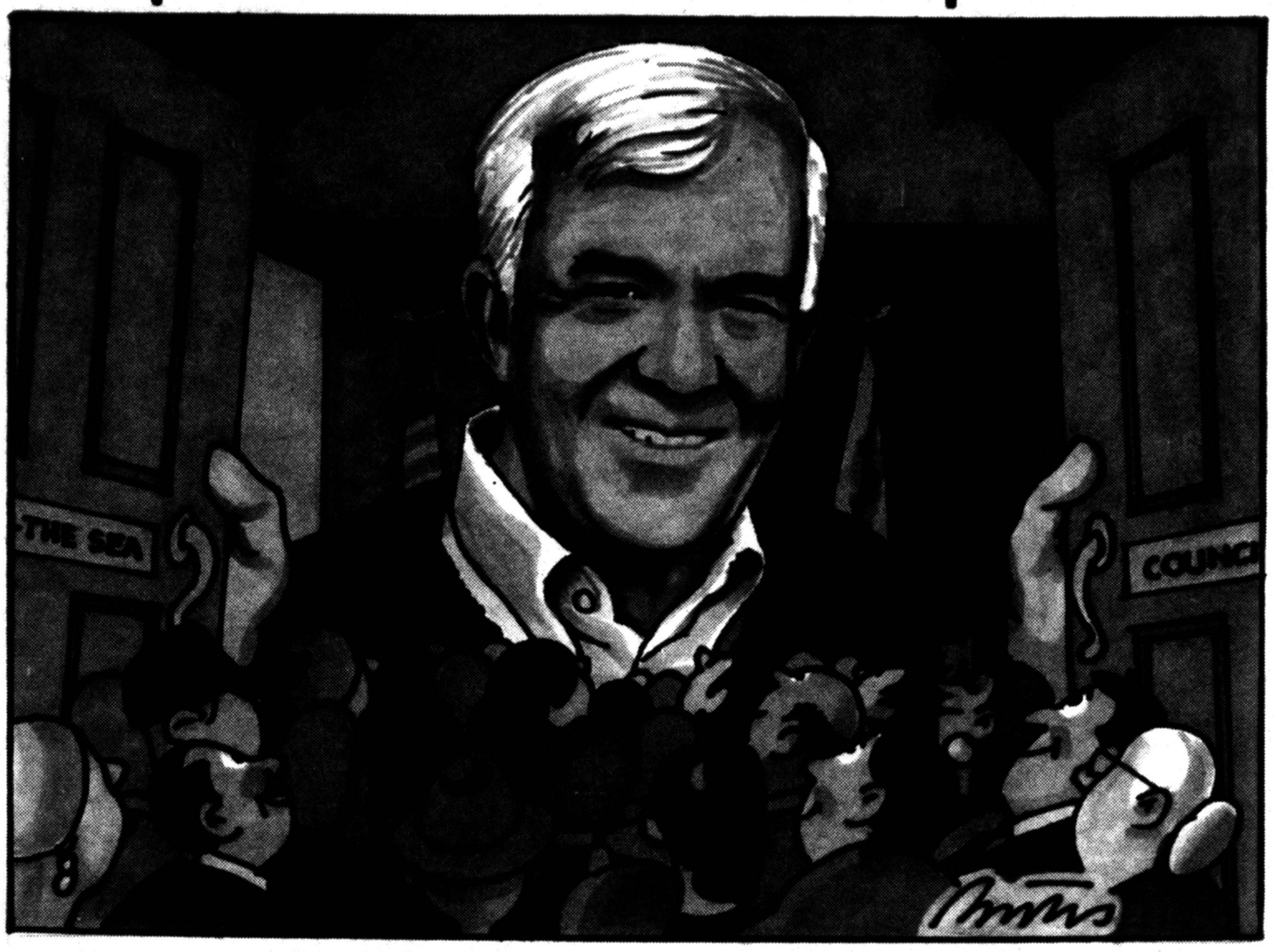

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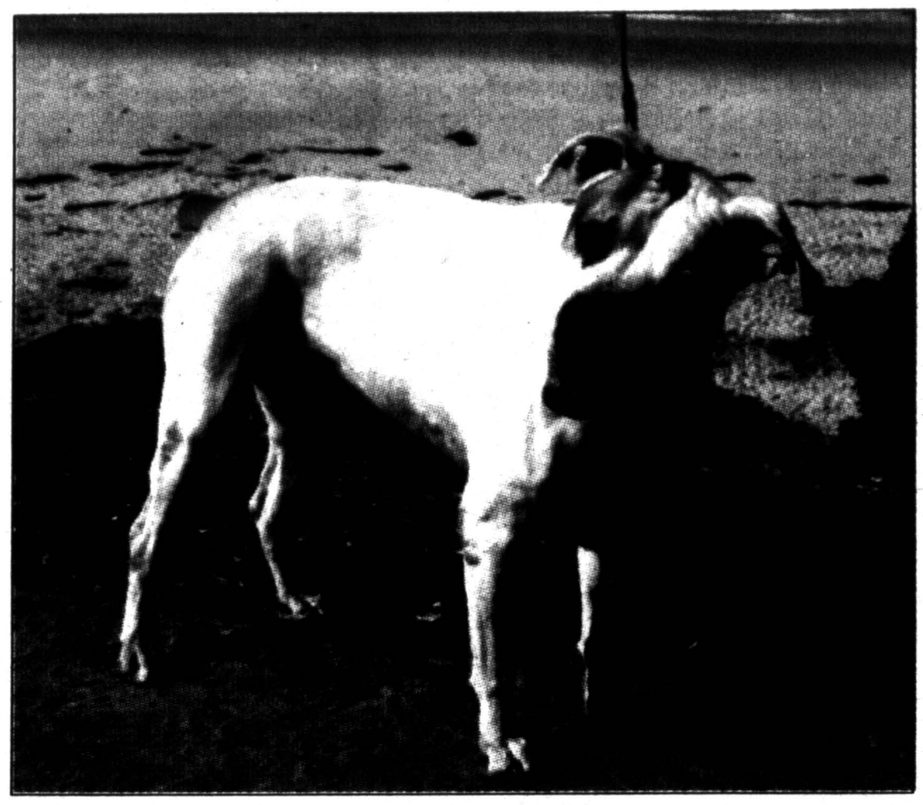

SAMANTHA PENLEY-JOHNSTON, 11, formerly of El Paso, Texas, moved here last year with her family, and according to Mom Leslie and Dad Chris, Carmel has made a new dog of her: From a former shy, retiring white boxer she has become an outgoing, smiling girl-boxer-about-beach with many friends and playmates.

She has three best beach friends, Lola, half boxer and half Rhodesian ridgeback, Titus, the great Dane, and foxy Georgia. The ocean, the balmy weather, the camaraderie, running free on the beach and plunging into the briny after a ball, bird, or other dogs, have much to do with Samantha's contentment – as does her own private deck at home, with a forest view and a heated doghouse.

Samantha (Sam for short), has three sisters: Natalie and Brenna are students at Carmel High, and Jeanette is studying at Cal Poly. Sam is doted upon by one and all for her winning ways, such as that happy smile, the endearing freckles on her ears and brown markings strategically placed on her neck and over one eye.

Even when she's napping, Sam dreams of running free on the beach: Just this week she was observed churning her legs in her sleep, smiling and breathing hard. El Paso is long ago and far away by now.

When Mom and Dad take her for a walk on Scenic for an *après plage* stroll, she talks to passing friends with a welcoming 'Bow woo woo.' When her folks stop to talk too long, she calls a halt to that by gently grabbing their hand in her mouth and pulling. They always take the hint.

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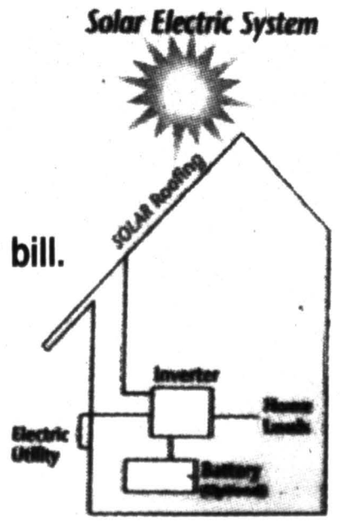

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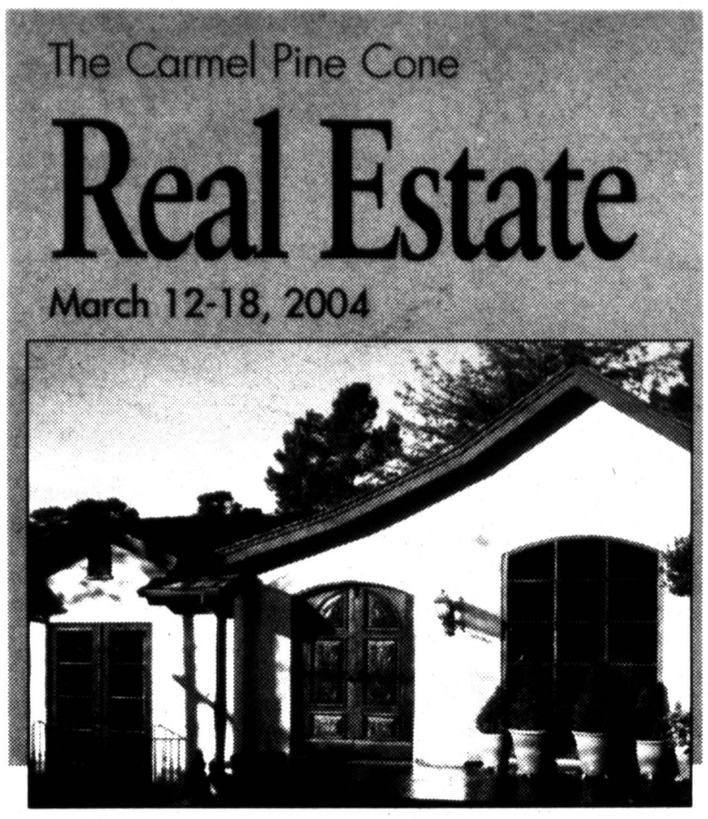

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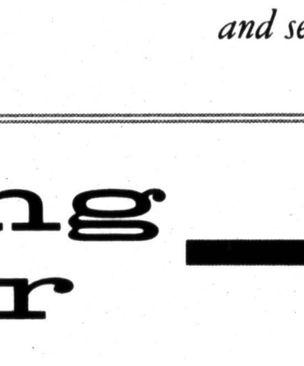

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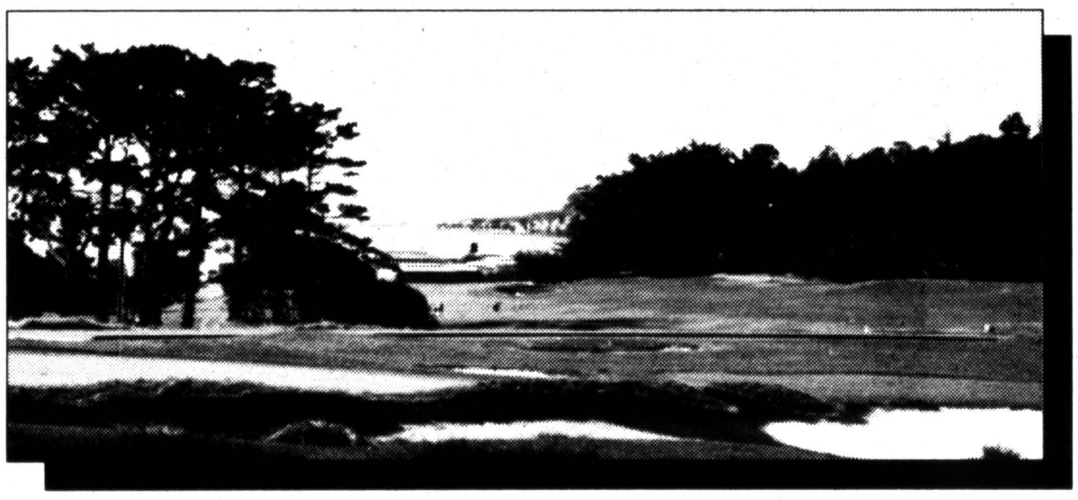
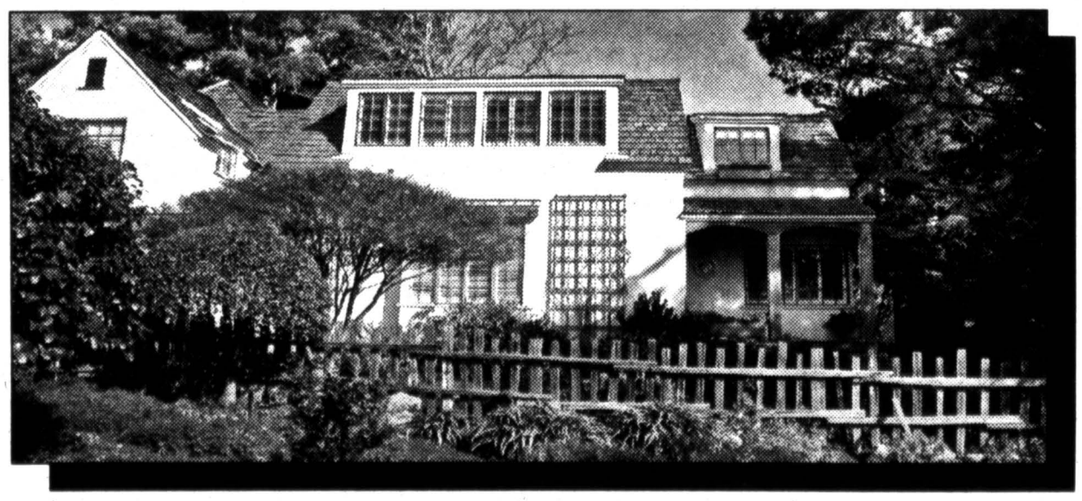
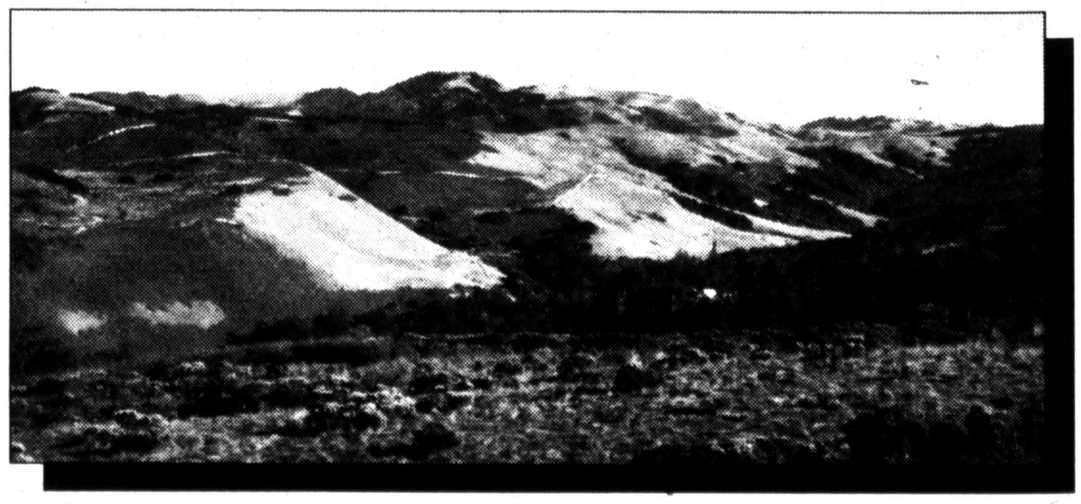


Premier Pebble Beach Golf Links Property. Offering privacy, ocean views and an easy walk to The Lodge, this property is available with plans for a gracious Mediterranean estate. The residence will include 4 suites, 4.5 baths, great room, formal dining room, family room and a library, all offering soaring ceilings and French doors accessing the expansive golf-side terraces. The lower level is designed for a home theater, wine cellar, exercise room and a 4 car garage. $8,950,000

Classic 17 Mile Drive Mediterranean Estate. This impeccable home epitomizes the Pebble Beach lifestyle. Designed by Robert Lamb Hart, this Mediterranean residence has spectacular gardens with sheltered patios and unrivaled indoor-outdoor living. With its master suite located on the main level, three upper-level bedroom suites and separate guest house, the home is perfect for a family or hosting a visiting foursome. $7,950,000



Walk to the Beach. This charming 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath sits on a large corner lot South of Ocean. Walk 5 blocks to town for your morning coffee or 5 blocks to the beach to enjoy the sunset. Entertain on the fabulous Carmel stone patio which is surrounded by lush gardens. This home offers a large living room with hardwood floors, Carmel stone fireplace, separate dining room and kitchen with breakfast area overlooking the delightful backyard. $2,695,000



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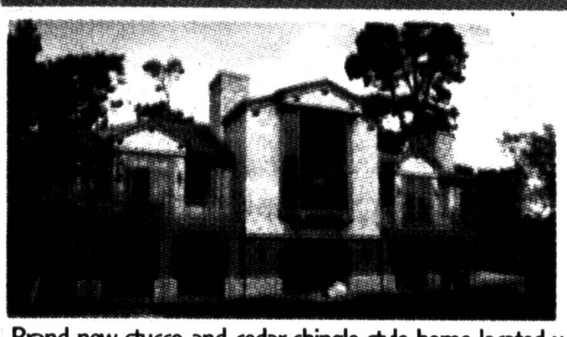

MONTEREY PENINSULA

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CARMEL VALLEY

For the car enthusiast, this home's garage has four double bays, a twelve foot ceiling and a bonus bay! Nestled among majestic oaks is this five bedroom ranch style home on 3.5 acres with spectacular family room/gourmet kitchen, formal living and dining rooms, office, wine cellar and gorgeous free form pool. Easy walk to the beautiful Hacienda, athletic facility and equestrian center.

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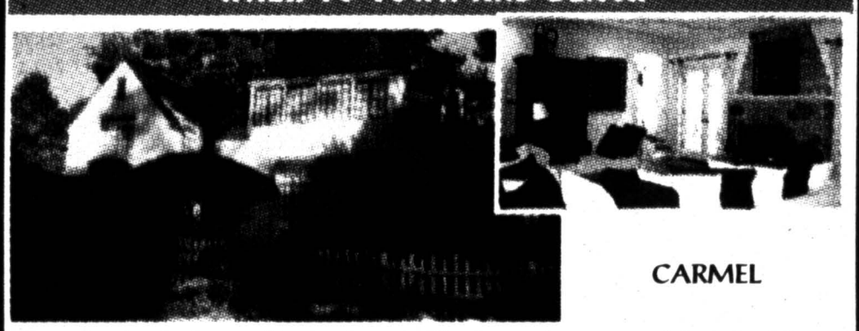

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Charming four bedroom, three and one half bath on a large corner lot south of Ocean Avenue. Perfect for entertaining with a formal dining room off of large living room with hardwood floors and stone fireplace that opens to the beautiful Carmel stone patio and secluded backyard. Enjoy the bright open kitchen with breakfast nook and bay window.

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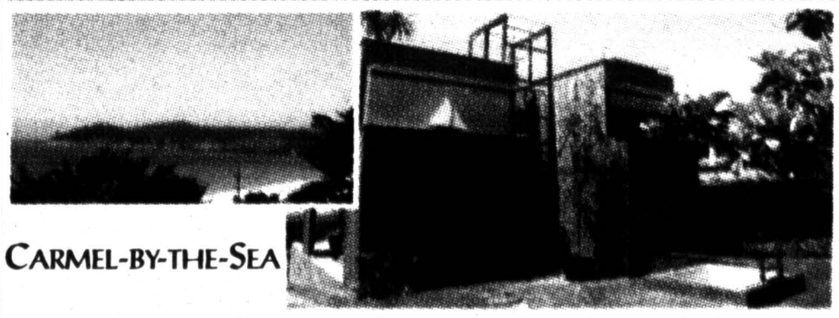

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NESTLED AMONG THE OAKS

CARMEL VALLEY

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Away with wood

By ANNE PAPINEAU

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An elaborate set of double doors is embellished with Schnute's raised wood carving.

The Carmel Valley woodcarver readies an owl for a home in Pennsylvania.

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A STREAK of persistence pervades the life of William Schnute.

The son of a prominent orthopedic surgeon, Schnute was pegged as slow during his early school years because he failed to learn to read until fifth grade. Today such a child would be recognized as dyslexic and given special guidance, but to his parent's chagrin, young William was "stuck with a stigma. I was immediately branded as stupid in school."

With no encouragement in particular, the child discovered he possessed both an interest and a gift. He carved wood — not necessarily with a knife.

"They wouldn't let me have a knife because I was a little kid. I would pick up wood and a nail, and sharpen the nail, and see it as a tool."

Schnute eventually caught up academically with his cohorts in La Grange, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

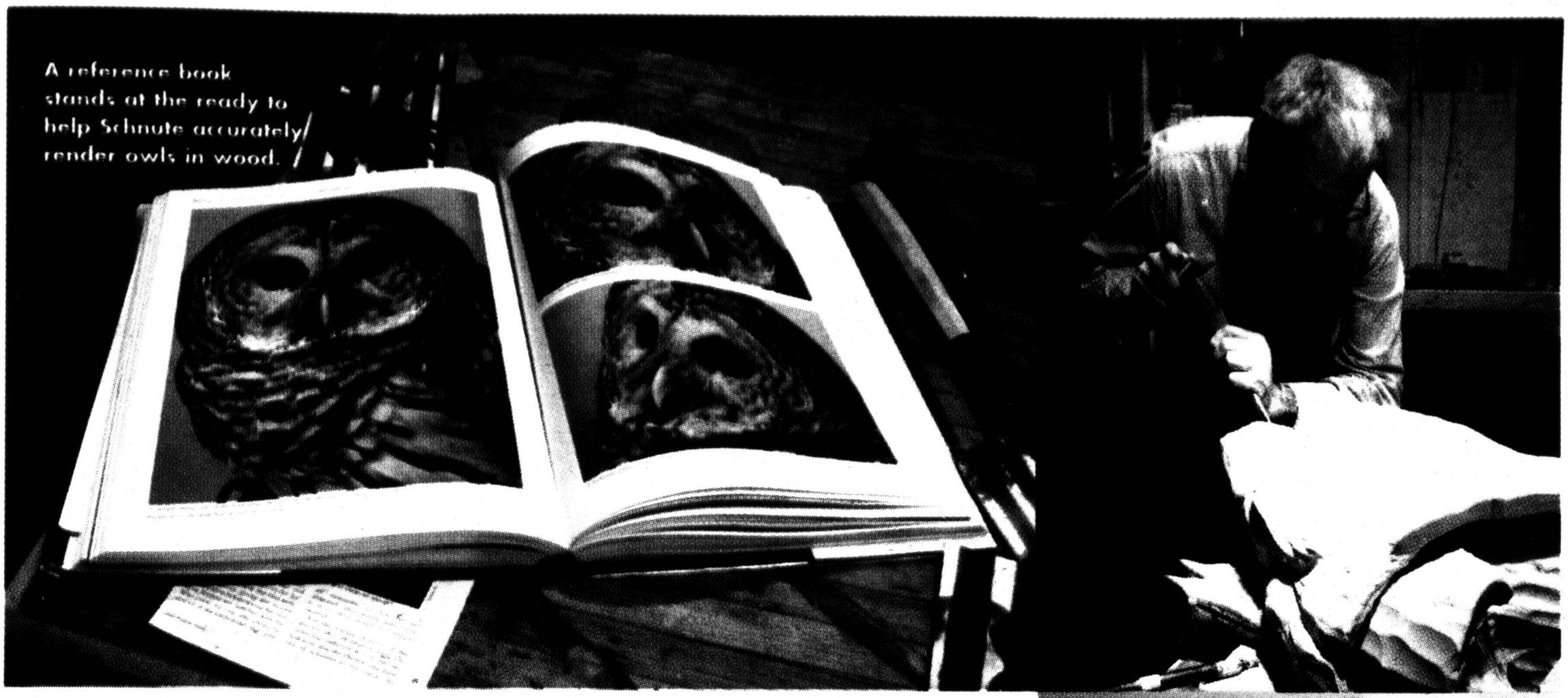
"In fifth grade it just clicked and I could read. We were supposed to read all of these different books and do reports on them. I decided that wasn't of interest to me. Instead I read the Encyclopedia Britannica from A to Z," remembered Schnute.

From that time until now, he has been driven by a curiosity to discover how things work, an urge to sidestep the 9-to-5 treadmill, and a love of carving in wood. Out of these raw materials, he constructed a life.

The once illiterate Schnute has even written the book on his passion, "High-Relief Wood Carving," (Sterling Publishing Co.).

Schnute opened the original Oak Leaves Studio in the Midwest in 1974 and moved it and his family to Carmel Valley Village in 1987. Through storefront picture windows, he can be observed carving whatever project occupies him at present, from majestic double doors that harbor a frozen ocean wave, to a fireplace mantel replete with his trademark oak leaves and a squadron of black squirrels.

Because he had no choice, Schnute is essentially a self-



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taught master woodcarver. He enjoyed minimal encouragement while learning the craft.

"There was a pretty active effort growing up to keep me from doing it. It was considered a nonessential thing, a silly thing to do."

By way of contrast, in Europe, woodcarving is recognized as a revered and ancient artform. In the era of guilds, the woodcarvers' guild was among the most prestigious.

To his surprise, Schnute discovered that no U.S. school offered a degree in woodcarving.

"You can get a master's degree in pottery or basket weaving, but there is simply no program for woodcarving."

Instead, Schnute earned a bachelor's degree in general science and worked in a laboratory at the University of Iowa's department of toxicology and pharmacology. But during this spell, as he helped build a microspectrofluorometer — a device used to discover and track the flow of neurotransmitters in tissue — he moonlighted as a woodcarver.

"I worked 8 to 5 at the university and worked 9 to 2 at night trying to build up a [woodcarving] business. By '74 it was time to go full time, so I quit my job.

"I have no clear distinctions between science and art," he observed. "I think both are searching for truth in knowledge. Most of my work in wood deals with interfaces between air, land and water. That is where some of the most interesting chemistry and things are happening. I like doors: the interface between the public and private side of a building."

Schnute is a member of two groups: the Carmel Art Association and the Society of Animal Artists. But unlike many artists, he enjoys the challenge of filling a client's request for a commission. In this way, his creations can be observed in homes and commercial buildings across the Monterey Peninsula and the nation.

"I've always enjoyed working with individual people. Most artists don't like commissions, thinking they take some of their creativity away. It seems to me that there are really thousands of ideas, and the only question is, which are you going to do?"

He has a keen understanding of his personal skills and limitations.

"I really can only do one [project] at a time. A lot of painters can lay out a number of canvases and do two or three, paint on one for a while and then the other.

"It took years to develop my hands and get the muscles and skills. The most important aspect is the mental view. I never realized there was anything unusual about how I thought until I saw people work on computers. With a computer, they can take an image and turn it around, look at it many ways. I can do that in my mind. Before you start cutting a board, you walk around it and have it memorized and realize how it should look, then I say it's all ready except for the doing."

Perhaps to rectify the dearth of instruction in woodcarving in this country, Schnute teaches the subject at the Carmel Adult School.

"It's one of the most satisfying things I do," he maintained.

Word of mouth and a degree of media attention have brought Schnute commissions from near and far. Photographs of owls serve as a reference as he carves a design for a fireplace in Emmaus, Penn.

'A painter will have a palette of colors; I call my gouges a palette of textures.'

"I almost always prefer to work with hardwoods. Cherry, walnut, white oak and maple are my favorites. I equate them with karat jewelry, and softwoods with costume jewelry. A painter will have a palette of colors; I call my gouges a palette of textures."

While his years in Carmel Valley have been rewarding, Schnute is preparing to move Oak Leaves Studio to New England. His destination is Frye's Measure Mill in Wilton, N.H. This water-powered mill has been the site of Shaker box making since 1858. The woodcarver said he intends to begin his move east in early April.

Schnute admitted he will miss Carmel Valley, but his move is partially born of economic necessity.

"In the 1980s there was an organization of Carmel Valley artists, and people were coming out to see what we did. With the Loma Prieta earthquake [in 1989], the traffic went down to zero. That's what turned the village around. People stopped coming out and this place became very isolated again."

He recalled that in the past, his workload was such he would be two or three projects behind. These days he is "caught up," and seeks a greater number of commissions. So the call of New England is strong.

Tape marks the floor of Oak Leaves Studio in

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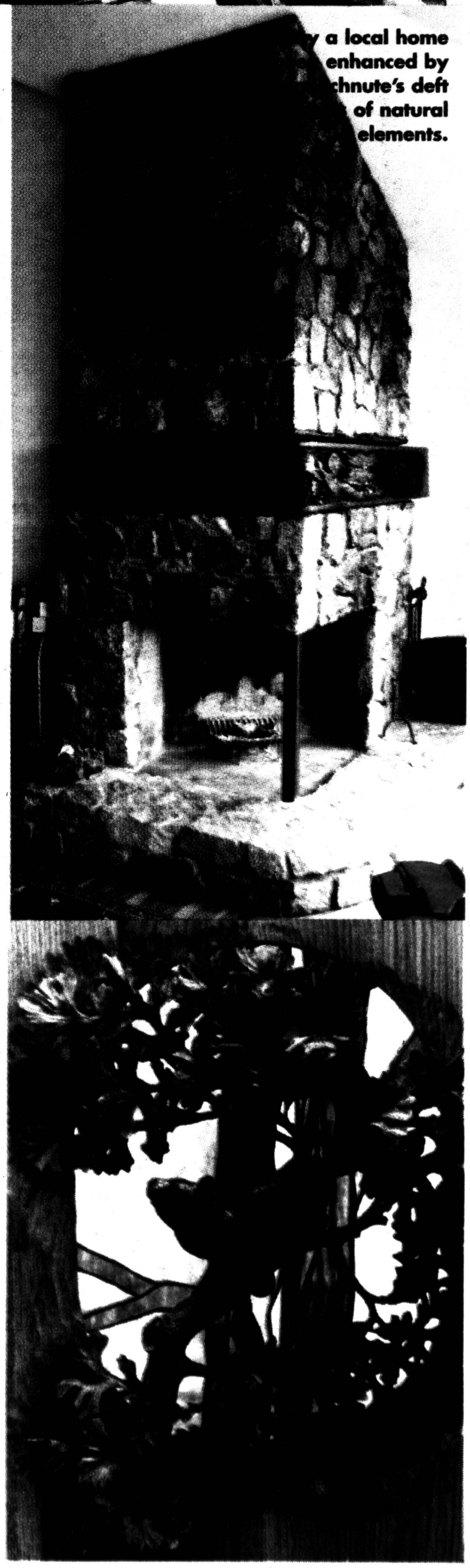

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Anna Beck: Ever in pursuit of beauty

Story and photos by ANNE PAPINEAU

IT TOOK a lucky 13 tries to get Anna Beck's living room the very shade of red she desired.

At some expense of dollars, time and pigment came into being a most sublime Carmel backdrop to a winning blend of family heirlooms, well-loved antiques and quirky keepsakes. And just what is the color of that living room painted in a soft Chinese red, with hints of peach? Anna Red, naturally.

Uprooted from her native Virginia and ensconced some years in France, Beck is now an established thread in the Monterey Peninsula cultural fabric. She can run an estate sale, roast a batch of parsnips and appraise a collection of Japanese chalkware dolls — and do so with a dollop of style.

For 27 years she has owned Anna Beck Antiques at 26358 Carmel Rancho Lane. And in her own words, "I get a high every time I walk in my door. That's a blessing."

Her tendency is to downplay accomplishments. A deep knowledge of the decorative arts is virtually dismissed as

Fresh flowers, a crackling fire, the portrait of an ancestor and well-loved art and antiques are constants in the Carmel home of Anna Beck. The color of her living room walls? Anna Red.

There's room for whimsey in her guest room: witness this ceramic frog lamp base.

"I walked into the living room and told the real estate agent, 'I can't buy it; it won't work. I cannot stand striated plywood.'"

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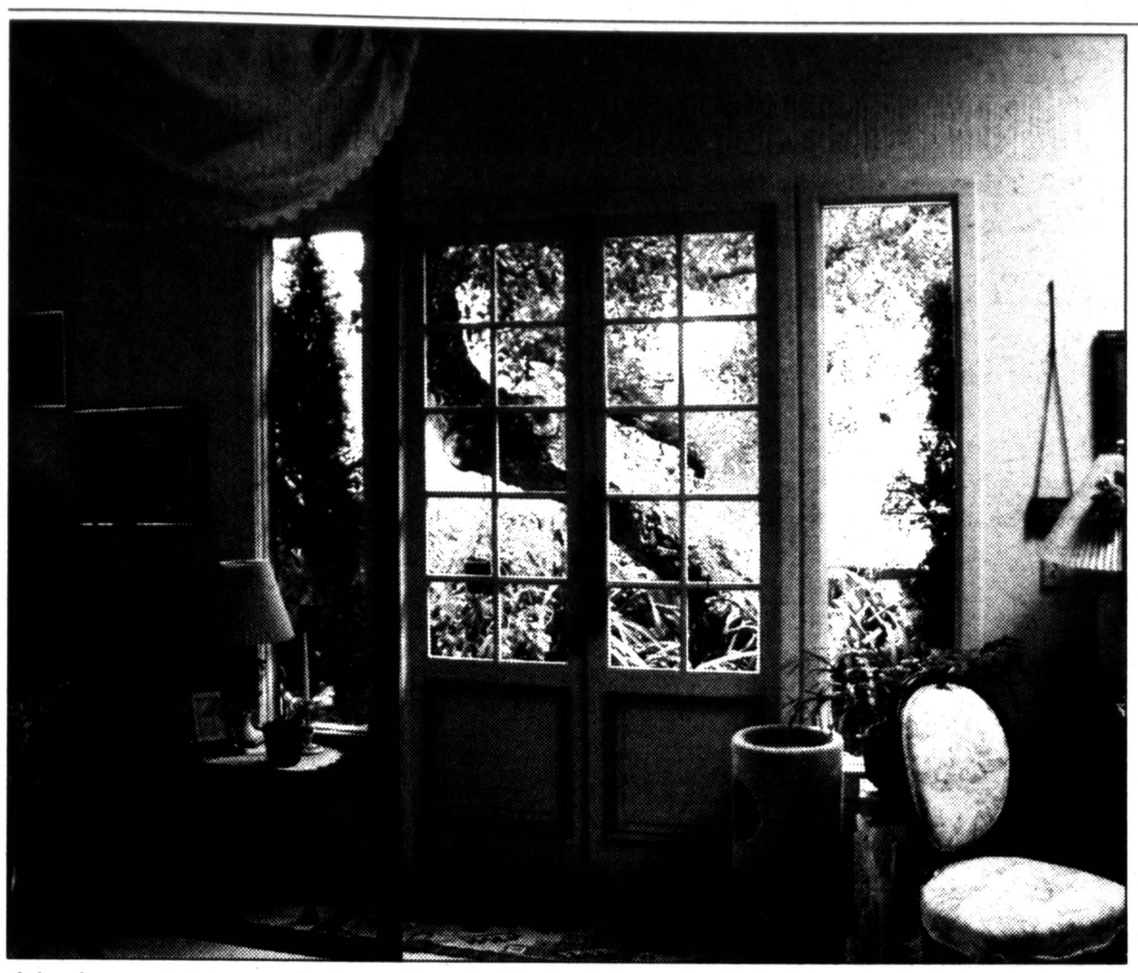

A bedroom rich in comforts and tranquility looks out on the oak-punctuated deck.

"I just love all beautiful things."

And she has the enthusiasm of a young girl.

"I just adore what I do. Just yesterday I went down to a wonderful house on Lincoln Street. I'll do an estate sale there."

Beck formerly owned and operated Tassajara Hot Springs, that legendary resort straddling the Santa Lucia mountain range. Under Beck's discerning tutelage, working with her then-husband Robert, Tassajara became renowned for its serenity and delicious food.

A 1965 issue of Holiday magazine expressed it well:

"Only seven miles inland from the coast as a raven might fly, but nearly a day's drive by the area's precipitous roads, lies a cul-de-sac called Tassajara Hot Springs. There, at the end of a wonderfully primitive and tortuous road, are a bar, a dining room with splendid food, and stone cabins with terraces over a rushing trout stream."

"We had gone there in the summer of '59," she recalled. "It was being so badly run, my husband and a friend said we should own it. We'd never done anything like it in our lives. He was a San Francisco school teacher and I was an antiques dealer."

Multi-tasking seems to be a phrase coined for Beck. Not one to shrink from challenge, she became the Tassajara Hot Springs doyenne while maintaining another home in Monterey and an antiques business in the Bay Area.

"I started my antiques business in San Francisco in 1956, and kept doing it. We had a buyer in France and one in England.

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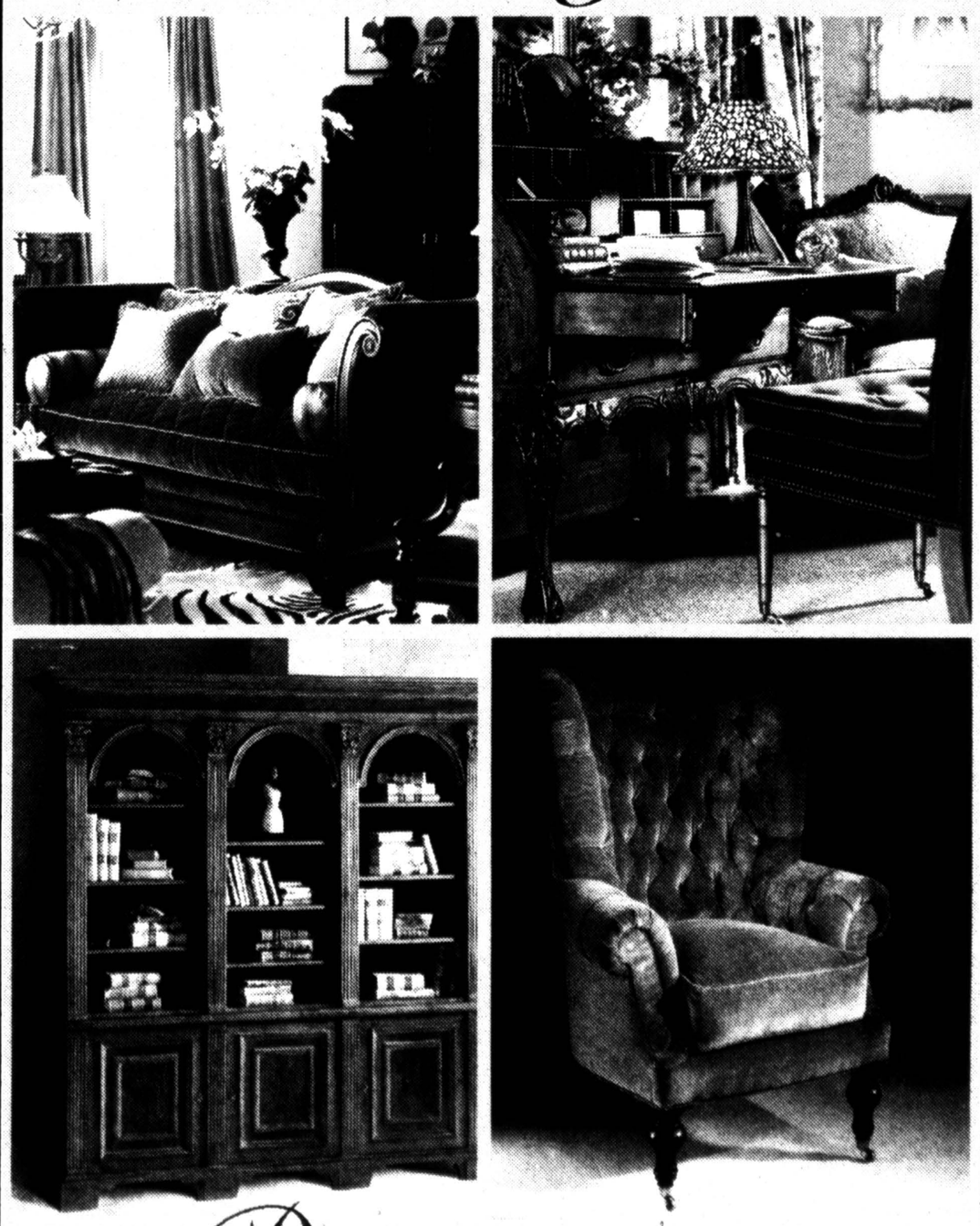

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We would import things and had dock sales in San Francisco — rent a warehouse on the dock and just sell."

The Becks made substantial improvements to Tassajara. A cookbook was spawned. The family grew.

"I always came out (to live on the Peninsula) in the wintertime. It was lovely in many ways, but hard. You could get snowbound at Tassajara in the wintertime. We wanted to improve the place, and our lawyer said, once you put your imprint on it, it will change."

In 1966, with another child on the way, the Becks decided to sell Tassajara. It was bought by the San Francisco Zen Center, and one caveat the Becks insisted upon was that Tassajara remain open to the public.

"We were really a holding company for Buddha," she quipped.

The Becks maintain a lifetime estate to visit the resort they cultivated and still own 160 acres in that incredible setting.

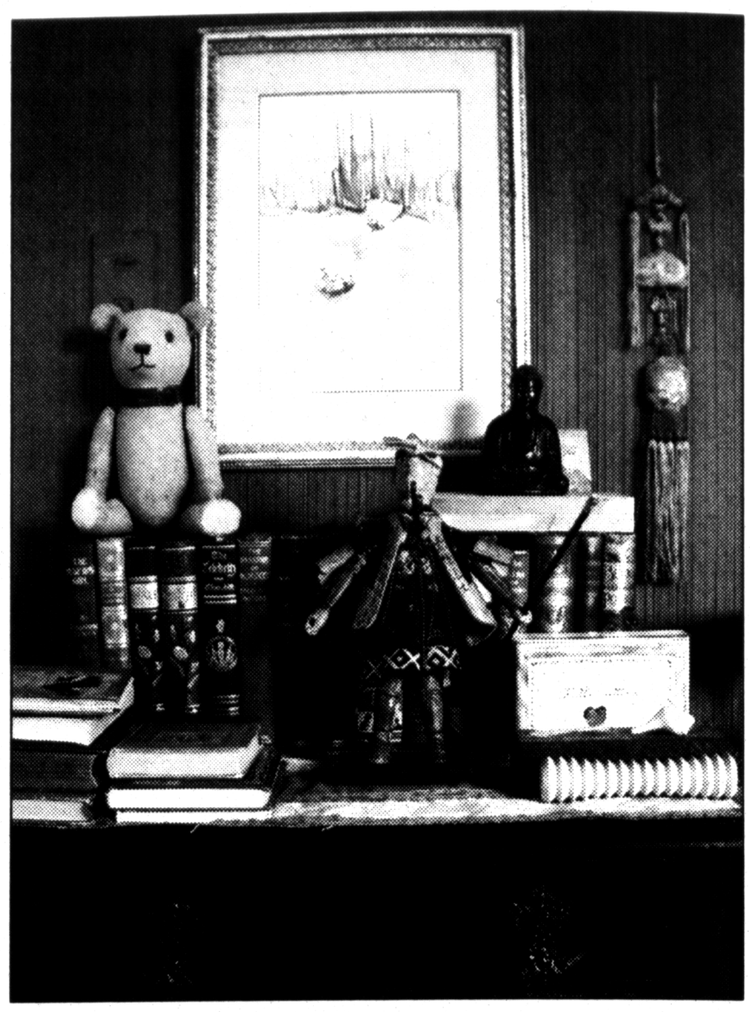
With children in tow, they moved to a home at 12th and Carmelo, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The children requested a treehouse, and this was built for them, for as Beck said, "A treehouse is magical."

When they moved away years later, the residence was given the name, The Treehouse, and it has stuck.

Carmel and antiques are constants in Anna Beck's world.

"I think there is a high level of sophistication in this very cottagey kind of area," she said of her longtime hometown. "People around here are very sophisticated and have good taste. And there are a lot of wonderfully beautiful inherited antiques that I'm always looking to buy. As my husband used to say, 'Anna, you can't sell from an empty wagon.' In Carmel, I certainly don't have an empty wagon."

She opened her first Carmel shop in the late '60s, in a little stone house on Mission near Third.



Much-loved mementoes from childhood share space in Anna Beck's living room with original artwork by friends.

Her advice to antiques mavens in the making: "Buy what you love from a trusted dealer. Don't be afraid to pay for something, because good dealers know good things. You'll get your money's worth."

Beck acquired her present home, it of the Anna Red living room, in 1982. At the time, it had stood unoccupied for several years, and it was smaller.

"I walked into the living room and told the real estate agent, 'I can't buy it; it won't work. I cannot stand striated plywood.'"

The house, built in 1947, had living room walls paneled in that very material, which reminded Beck of "every motel in the 1940s."

Somehow she was persuaded to take the plunge, and today those same wood walls exude warmth and style, coated in Anna Red and decorated with antiques and original artwork.

Beck's son, Adam, is an artist, and his watercolors and oils share space with Weston photographs, Sam Colburn paintings and other treasures. She is an aficionado of Japanese Kimekome dolls and set aside a glass-topped nightstand to display her collection.

"I've never been a doll person, but these have a charm about them I find irresistible."

She grew to love the house enough to enlarge it, adding 21 feet, two decks and an upgraded kitchen with

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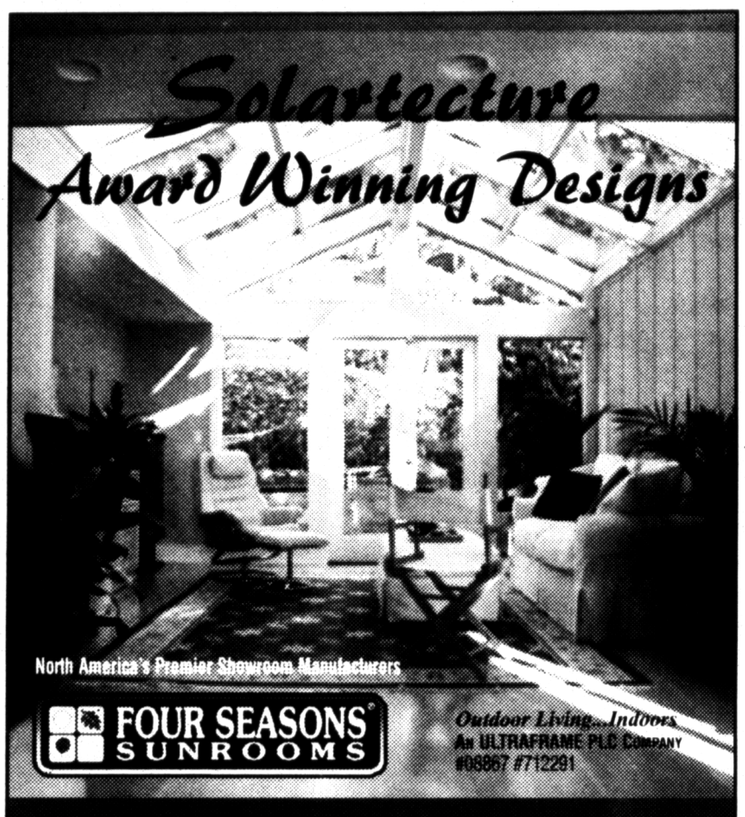

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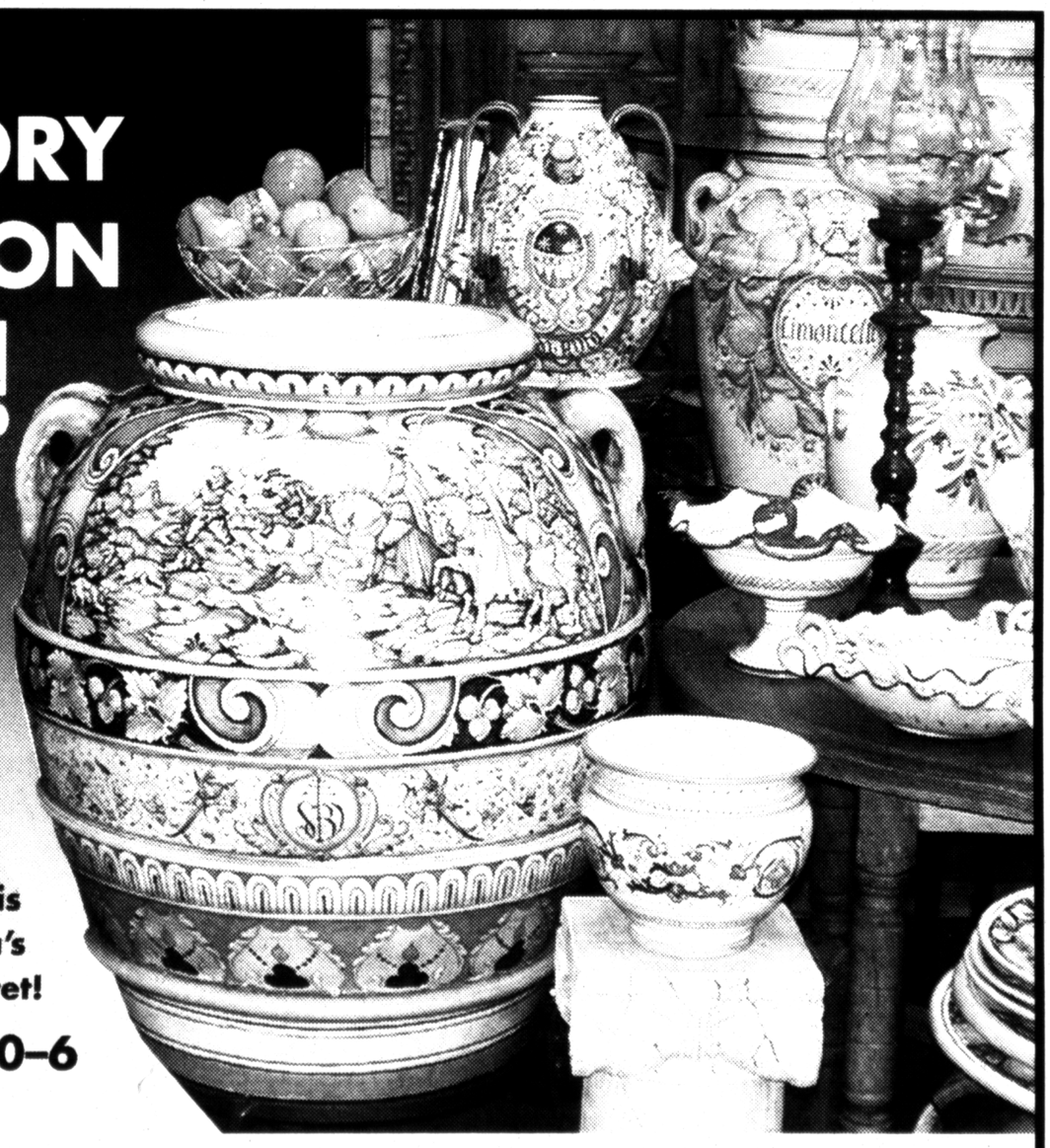

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Japanese Kimekome dolls are displayed in a glass-topped nightstand. "I've never been a doll person, but these have a charm about them I find irresistible," Beck noted.

"European sensibility."

In 1995, while Beck was away, a tree fell on her house during a storm. A friend who was staying there was visited by a newspaper reporter who asked, "What did it sound like when the tree hit the house?"

"She answered, 'It sounded like a tree hit the house,'" Beck laughed. The incident sparked Beck's decision to remodel.

European and Asian touches are here and there, which is fitting, for she is much-traveled.

In fact, it was during a mid-'50s sojourn in France that Beck was touched by the beauty of antiques.

This avowed Francofile was working in an advertising office when a fashion director from a store in her native Virginia asked, "Could you go to the bookstalls and flea markets and find props for us, things that could be sold?" That was the beginning.

She developed a love of the field and made lifelong friends while overseas. She continues to be a cultivator of friendships and a steward of beautiful objects.

No school gave her this insight. As Beck explained, "I operate from my own experience, which is pretty extensive." ✪

A tag on this bear in Anna Beck's antique shop on Carmel Rancho Lane reads: "I am a personal friend. I am not for sale."

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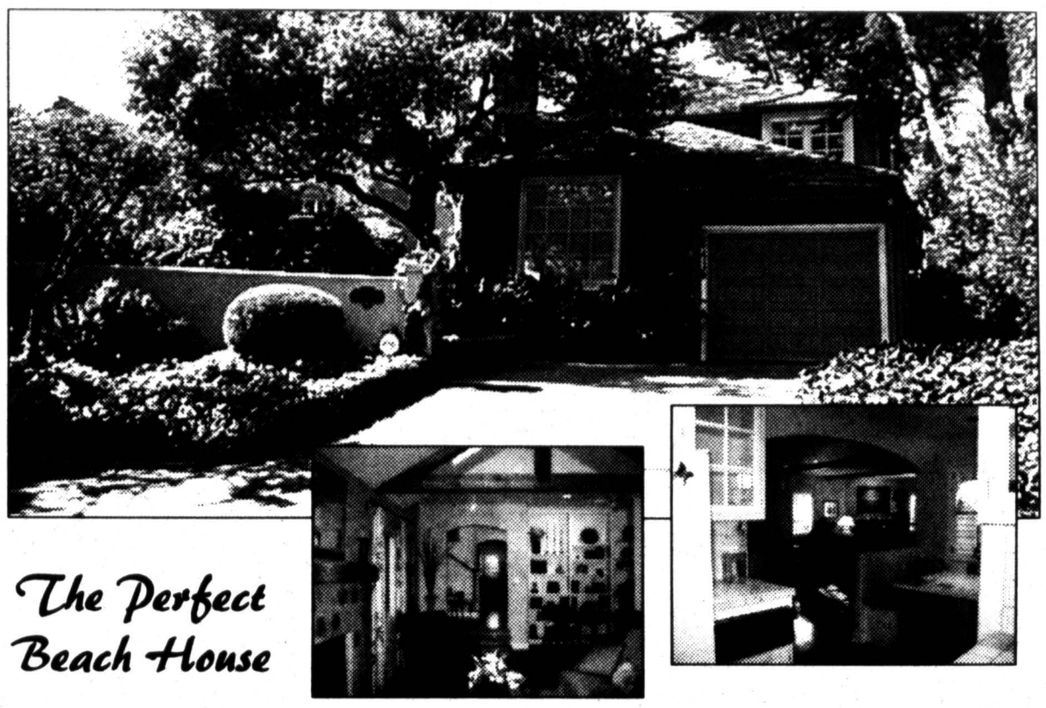

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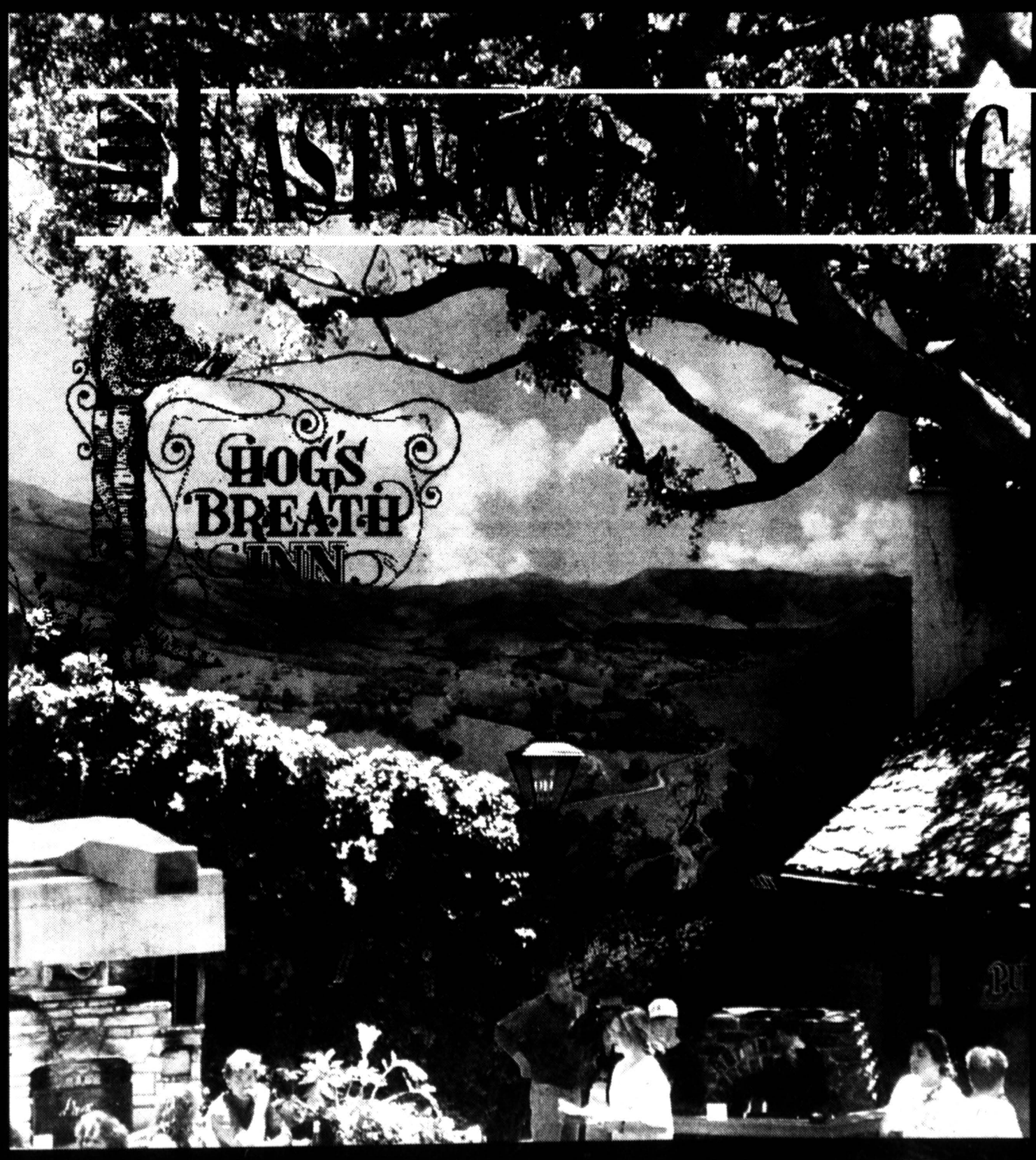

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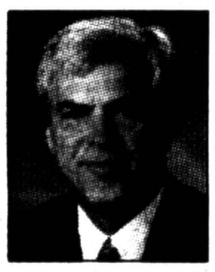

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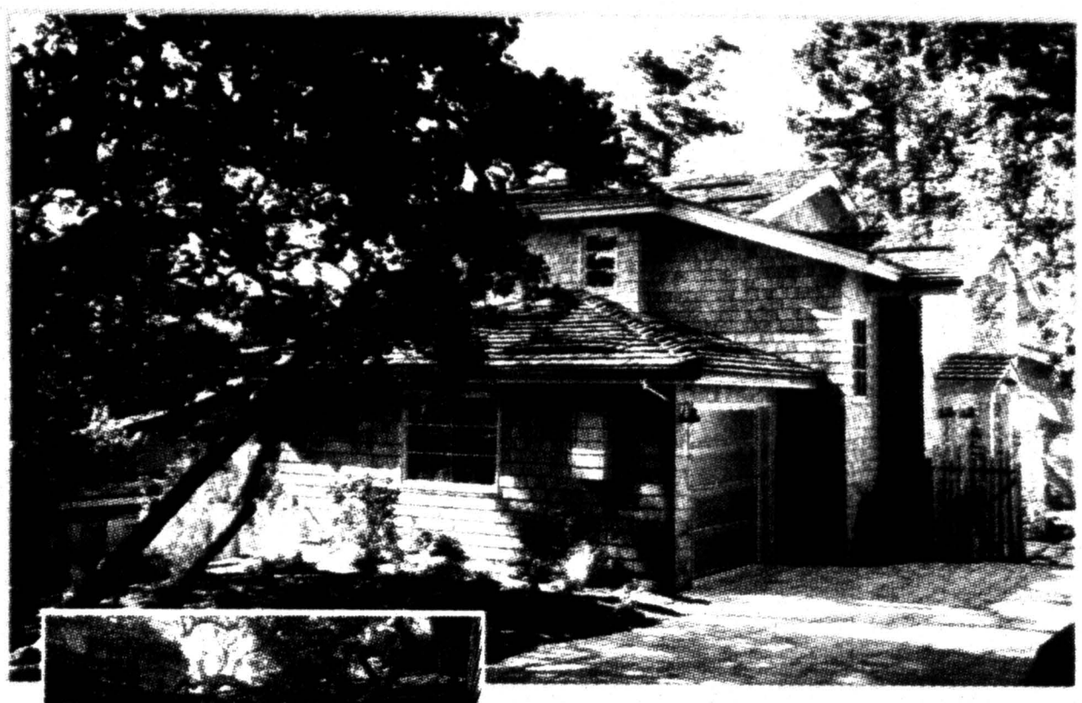

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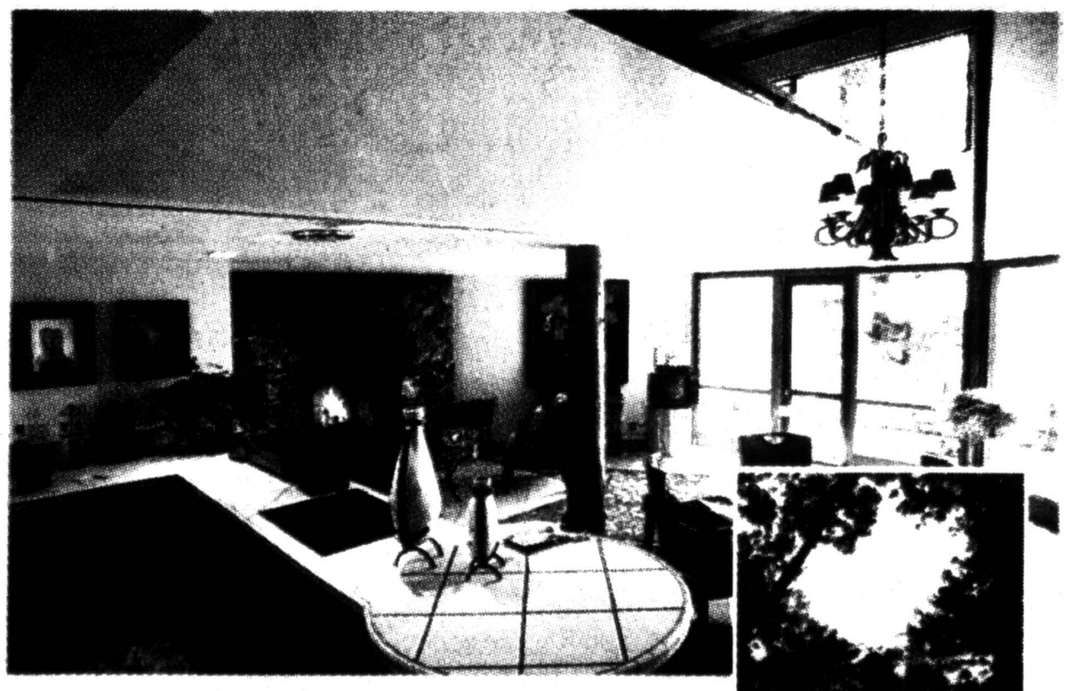

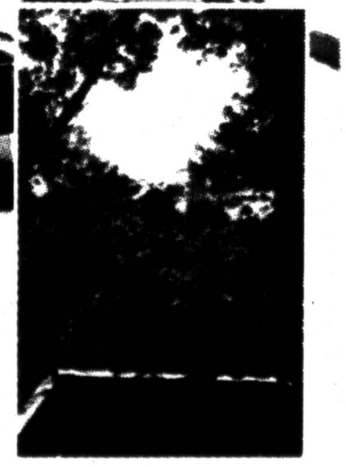

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Time to call Ralph the restorer

Ralph McConnell's decades of work as a contract artist in the Christmas card trade, plus his natural talent at matching colors and textures, prepared him well for his present career as a restorer of broken treasures.

Story and photos by KIRSTIE WILDE

WHAT TO do when the beautiful vase handed down from great grandma has a run-in with the wall and survives with a chipped lip? Or the oil painting over the mantel somehow gets ripped right down the middle? Or the Polynesian nude trips and falls off her pedestal? Or, as happened last week, five beautiful carved-wood panels pop their knotholes after being used to decorate a damp bathroom?

The solution to all this art gone awry just might be Carmel's Ralph McConnell, artist, designer and restorer.

He's been asked to do impossible things, and he hastens to warn, "I'm no magician." But when he made the ugly greenish knotholes virtually disappear from the translucent, pale peach, carved wood panels, this reporter thought she heard a faint abracadabra.

McConnell explained that he tried several combinations of chemicals to remove the discolored knots, which apparently absorbed moisture from being displayed in a too-moist environment and turned dark, as natural pine often does.

"I don't know why an artist would choose pine for a piece as beautiful as this in the first place," McConnell grumbled. But his is not to reason why; his is just to fix or die. So he gave up on bleaching out the knots and got to work painting them over.

McConnell's true talent, he believes, is his terrific eye for matching colors. To mask the dark knots, he had to mix a total of six different acrylic colors and use a paint brush to recreate the look of the unblemished wood.

When he was finished, the imperfection was invisible. About 20 other knots waited to be erased, a job that he estimated would take another 20 hours and cost around $700.

The broken and the precious

Most people who come to McConnell ask him to mend a broken antique or fix a precious memento.

"I don't like to work on very expensive pieces because there's no guarantee in this business, and I'm always afraid I'll goof it up," he said. "I like to work for the little guy who has a piece with real sentimental value."

So when the museum-quality vase from 500 B.C. was dashed to smithereens in a shipping accident, McConnell told the owner he could not put it back together. But after the owner gave him the pile of pieces, McConnell did give it a go. Today the ancient vase sits by his work desk, quite amazingly restored to its former self, but with a small piece missing.

"I like it this way," he said. "Better antiquity, don't you think?"

McConnell's only formal art training involved studying illustration for three years at the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles. He has no formal education in chemistry, so his expertise with various glues, patching compounds, adhe-

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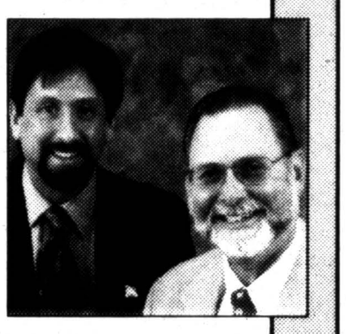

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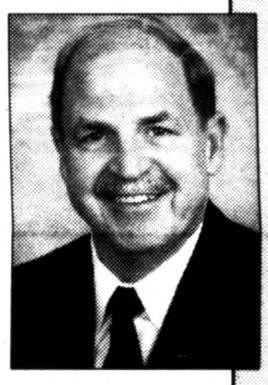

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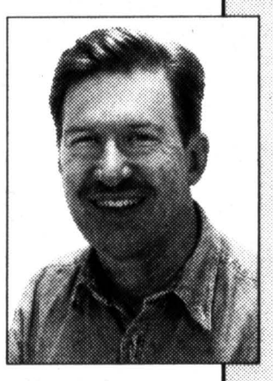

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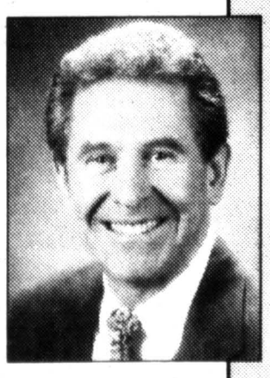

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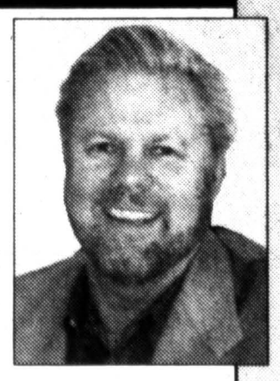

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RESTORER

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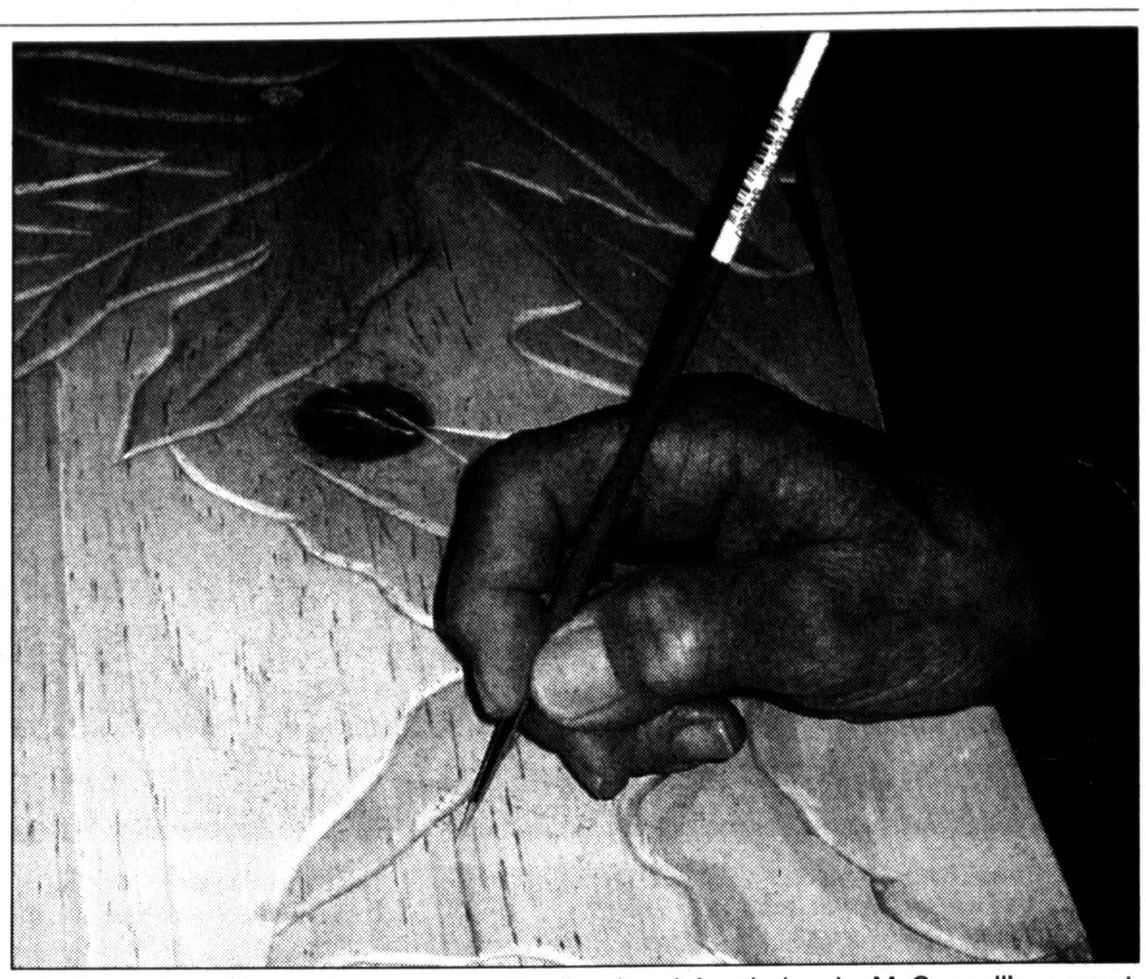
sives, epoxies, acrylics and oils has been self-taught through experimentation. He has found a supplier in Colorado for something called restoration super glue which is extremely fine so joints in glued porcelain don't show after drying. A file cabinet next to his workbench bulges with paint samples, materials suppliers and records of successful projects from the past.

When the job is an oil painting with a rip or hole, he carefully trims away any exposed threads, epoxies a new piece of canvas on the back, steams it, compresses it with weights, fills the empty space between the torn sections with gelex and then uses his color-matching skill to bridge the gap.

"I can say that I am very, very good at the trickiest part, which is matching paint. It tends to dry slightly darker, so as I work, I use a hair dryer to make sure the finished colors will be as seamless as possible. Nothing is 100 percent, but if I do my job well, the flaw won't be noticed by most people."

McConnell's decade of work as a contract artist for California Artist, a maker of Christmas cards in Southern California, ended when the company went belly up. He moving to Carmel in 1967 and continued to freelance card design. On the walls of his Carmel Knolls home are beautiful nativity scenes and madonna and child paintings from those days. "People wonder if I am ultra-religious when they see my paintings, but I'm not. I just enjoyed them because they were more interesting, more challenging. You can just paint so many Santas without going crazy."



A delicate carved wooden screen with discolored knotholes is McConnell's current restoration challenge. Note the dark knot in the background, which has not been painted over yet, and the place a knot used to be, just below his fingers.

Fixing the fixer

McConnell's occupation as a restorer of broken treasures is apropos, considering that he, too, was a lost soul for a long time. He began suffering from debilitating panic attacks in the '80s — his condition deteriorated to the point that he couldn't even go to the grocery store because it would paralyze him with fear that someone/something was sneaking up behind him to do him harm.

"I had difficulty going out, especially where there were crowds of people. I was afraid all the time; I was just in a frightful state," he admits. "I lost a decade to the panic attacks." Now recovered, he credits a seminal event in his life for the turnaround:

"After I got divorced, I felt much better!"

In the '90s, a renewed McConnell started a career fixing other people's prized possessions.

"Every job is different, which is what I

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BETSY BROWN

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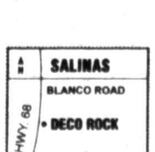

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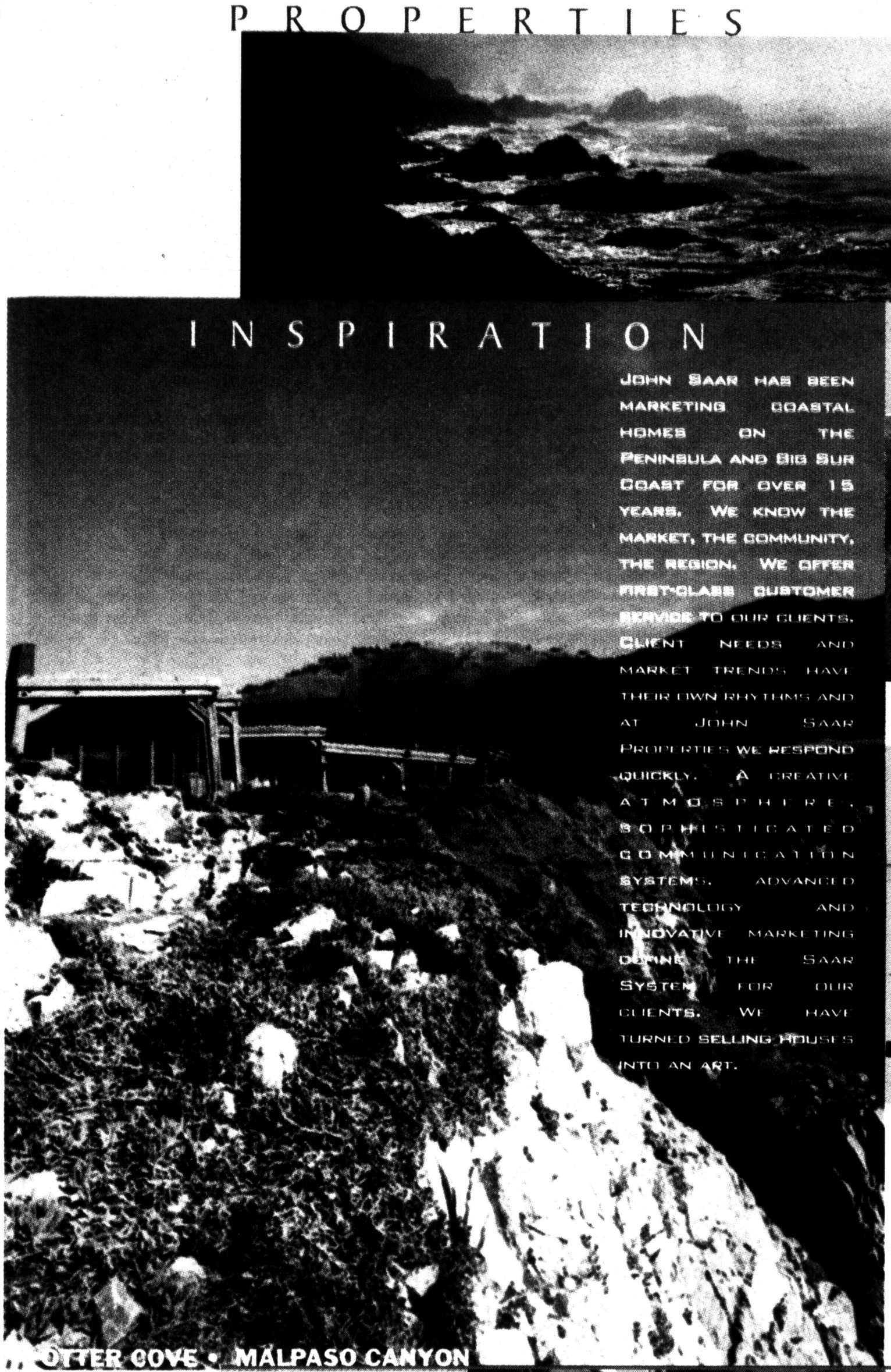

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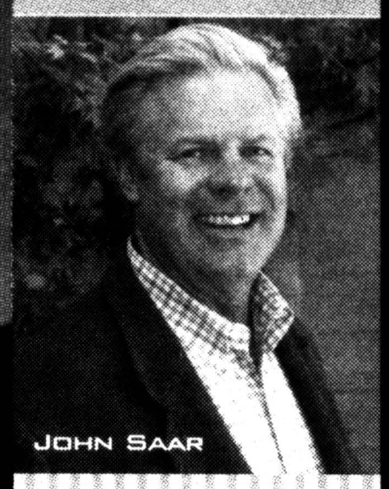

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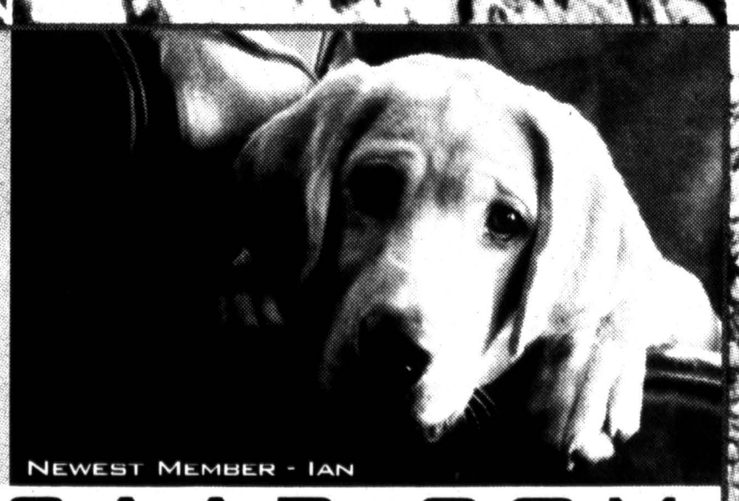

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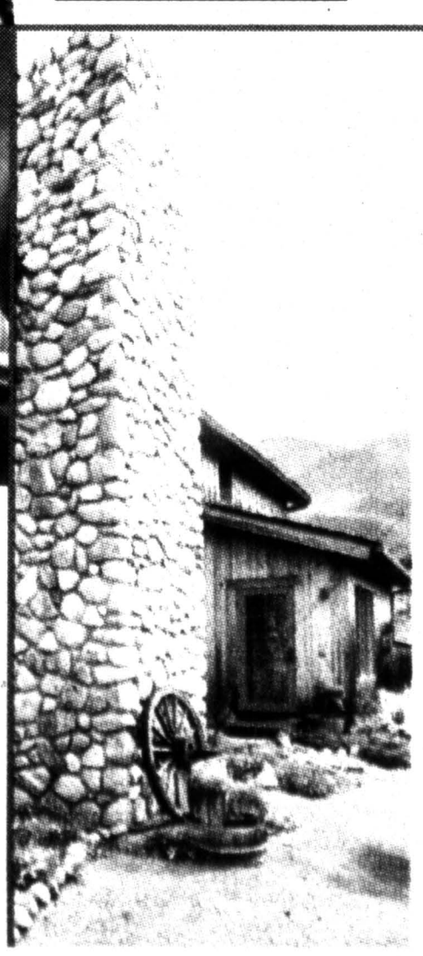

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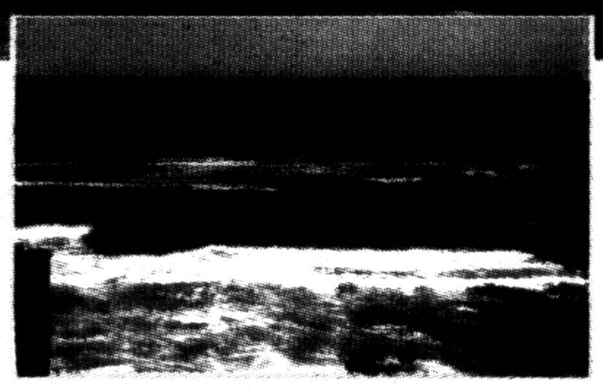

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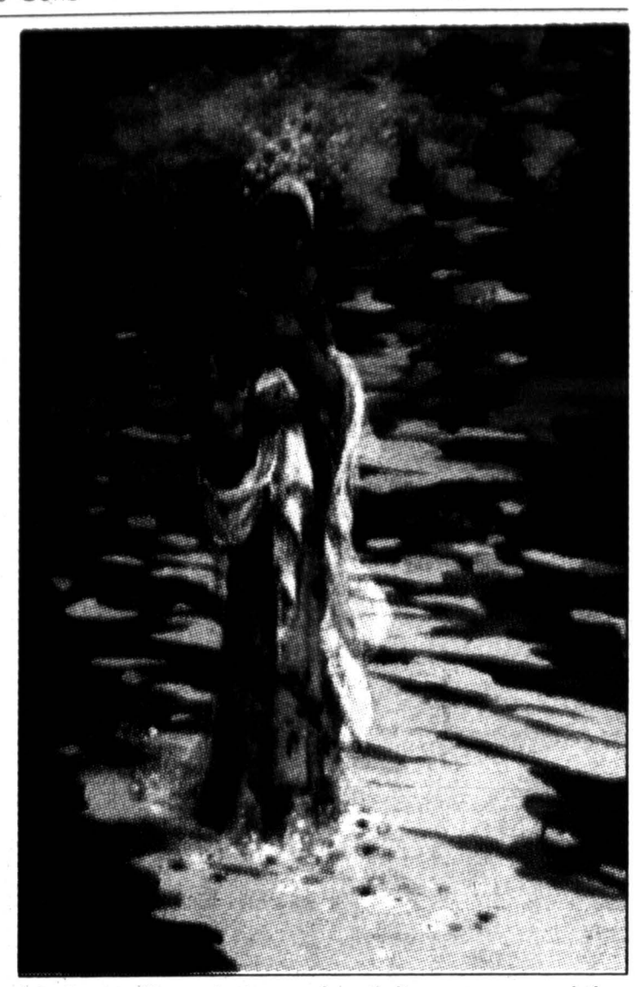

McConnell's paintings of nativity scenes and the madonna and child were used in countless Christmas cards when he worked as a contract artist in Los Angeles. He enjoyed the religious themes the most because "they were challenging and interesting — you just paint so many Santas without going crazy."

enjoy," he said. "The last one was Don Quixote and his sidekick Sancho Panza," who had suffered from a little too much windmill tilting. "I thought the sculpture was pewter,but the broken part turned out to be a kind of wax base coated with pewterware." After a bit of his specialty — using paint to mimic diverse substances — McConnell fixed up the pair to adventure another day.

One gets the feeling McConnell plies his craft more for the fun of it than as an occupation. He likes to be the "somebody out there who can fix these crazy little sentimental things."

He charges $30 per hour, which, in at least one case, didn't pay for the pain.

"I was using beach sand and epoxy to fix a cast stone statue that weighed more than 50 pounds. It was really weather beaten and had missing parts — I needed to go to Monterey for coarse sand because Carmel beach sand was too fine for this job — and when I went to put on the rebar, I smashed my hand. It took a year for my nail to grow out. I came out the loser on that job."

And then there was the one disaster, which makes him feel bad to this day. He told of a delightful woman who lived on Partington Ridge. Her house had burned to the ground and she was able to rescue only two things: a brass statue of phoenix rising from the ashes and a jade Buddha. Both were discolored, "pretty cremated" as McConnell recalled.

"The only thing that will clean that is muriatic acid, diluted," he said. "The brass phoenix came out well, but, unfortunately, I left Buddha in there too long. It was a disaster; the soft parts of the jade dissolved. I had to call her and say, 'I burned your burnt Buddha.'"

McConnell said the woman was "lovely and forgiving" and even offered to pay him. He declined, imploring, "Please don't sue me." He's regretted the failure ever since.

"That was one time I wanted a magic wand to wave and make it new again. My goal is always to do a good enough job on each precious thing that even I can't tell I fixed it."

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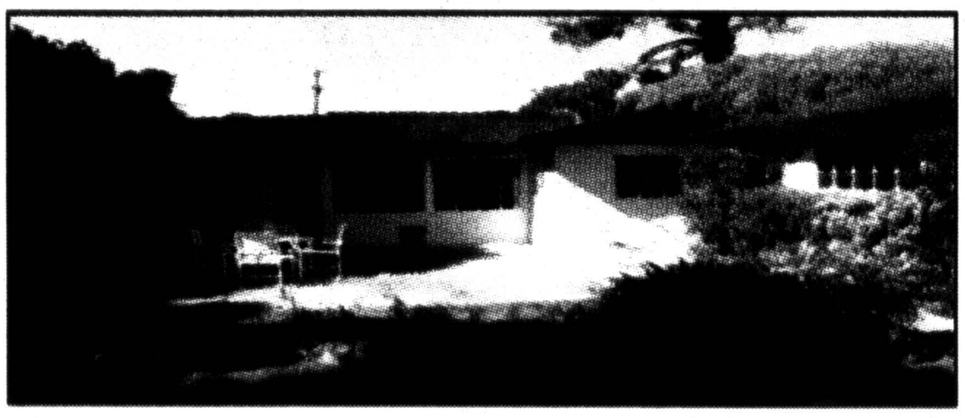

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PHOTOS BY DOTTIE TISON
TEXT BY KIRSTIE WILDE

Ponds, not castles, lure these dragons and damsels

AS TIM Manolis aptly points out, there was a crying need for new field guides to the colorful, intricate creatures known as dragonflies and damselflies, because the last complete scientific treatment of the species was done in 1956. "The Internet has become a major forum for information and the exchange of ideas about dragonflies" of course, Manolis says, but somehow dragging your laptop through the countryside to identify one of the 108 different kinds of California *odonates* simply will not do.

Manolis' complete field guide to the "Dragonflies and Damselflies of California," a beautiful new volume with 40 color plates published by the University of California Press, is made for the blossoming interest in these exquisite creatures. That, combined with "Common Dragonflies of the Southwest, A Beginner's Guide" by Kathy Biggs, due out in May, give the dragonfly hunter sufficient tools in the pocket to spy and identify with ease.

Nearly 200 million years old, the modern *odonates* date from the Jurassic era. Perhaps fortunately, the giant dragonflies of prehistory are gone, but their fossils remind us that they once buzzed by on wingspans of more than two feet. Their diminutive descendants are the dominant aerial predators of the bug community, "with their superb vision and unmatched agility on the wing that has undergone no significant modifications for millions of years," as Manolis observes.

The dragonfly's petite accomplice, the damselfly, boasts 40 species in California.

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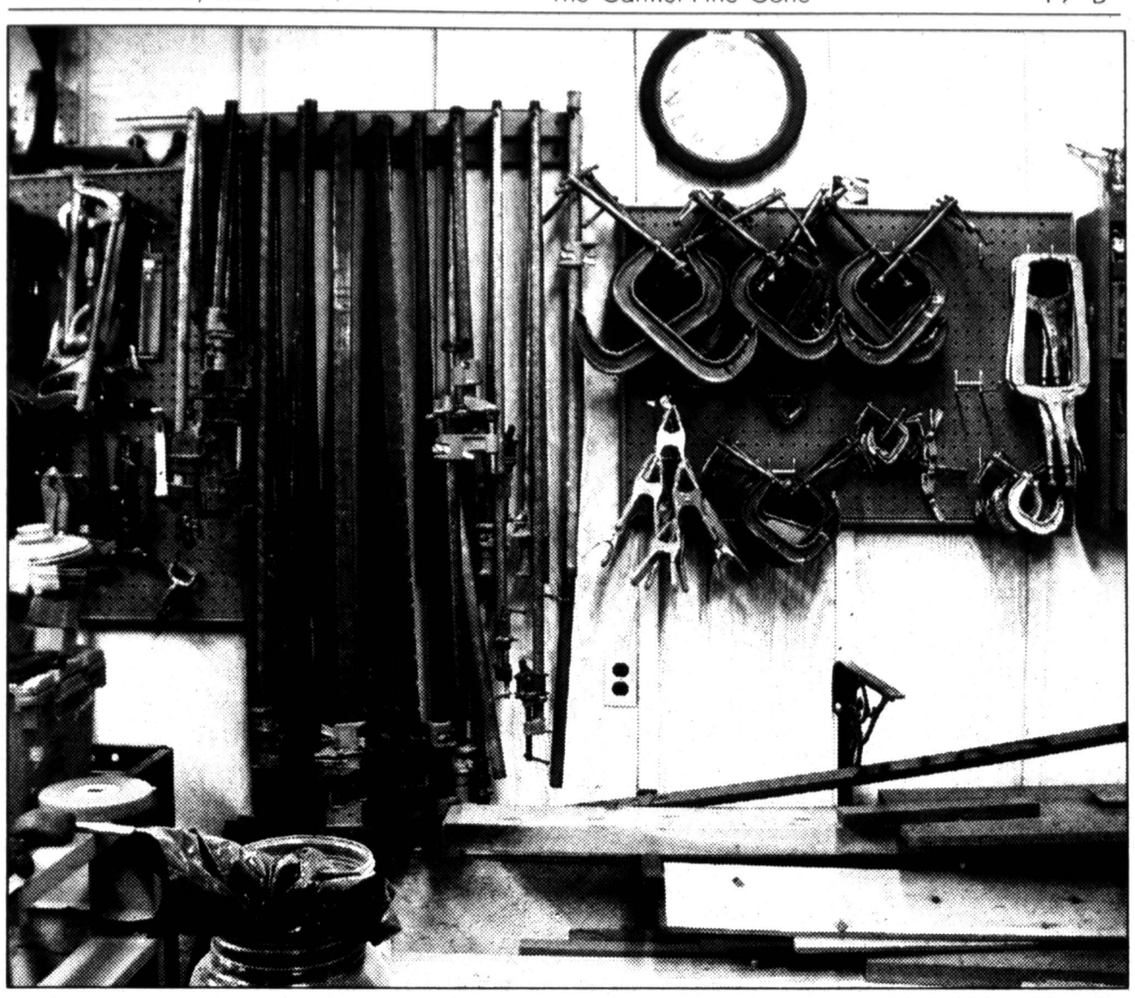
Since dragonflies breed in water, the best way to attract them to your garden is to build a pond, says Biggs. But not just any pond.

"A pond built to attract wildlife will allow them to successfully breed, while an exotic pond for koi or goldfish will attract them, but they will not survive since the fish are fierce predators on the nymph [juvenile stage.] And the mosquito fish we are often given to use in our ponds are very, very successful in eating dragonfly eggs and nymph - not counting the damage done to the tree frogs."

So if you want *odonates* you have to go natural. Biggs is happy to share her family's pond-building odyssey with anyone who goes to www.bigsnestpond.net.



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The tools of Schnute's trade, amassed over decades, are organized on the walls of Oak Leaves Studio in Carmel Valley Village.

On the wall of Oak Leaves Studio: a Schnute portrait of a llama.

WOOD

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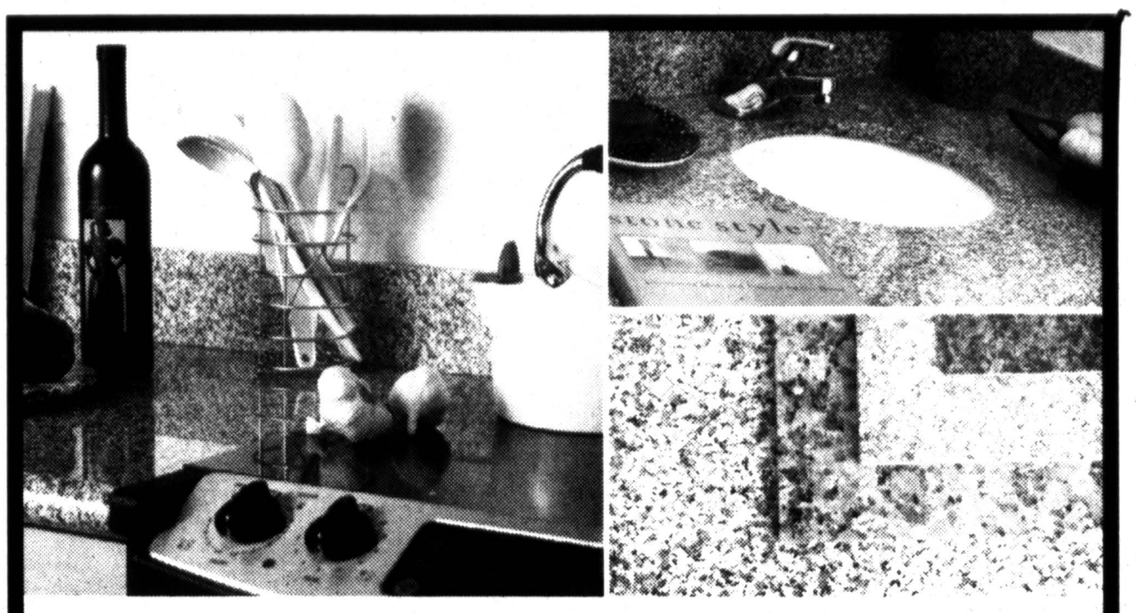
Carmel Valley with the conformations of his new studio in New Hampshire. All that's left is to pack the old operating table that holds his latest wooden "patient," the handmade gouges and photographs of wildlife.

"In the last couple of years I've had a chance to look through my files and look at things, and I've been astounded at what I've done."

Schnute said he can continue to be reached at oakleaves@redshift.com.



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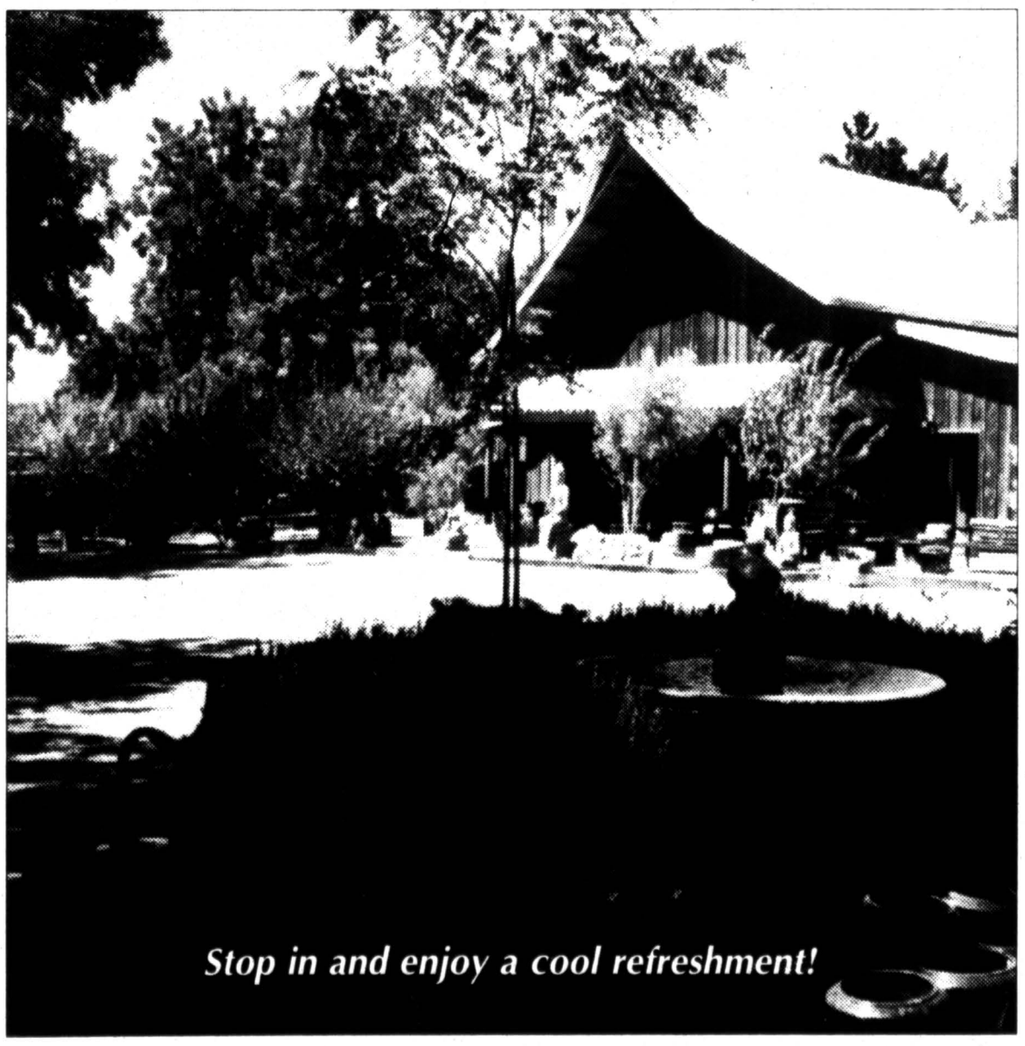

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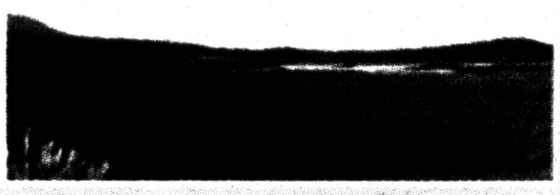

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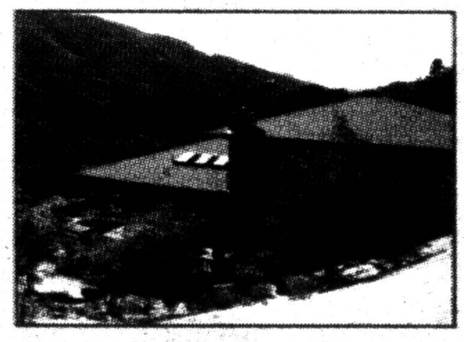

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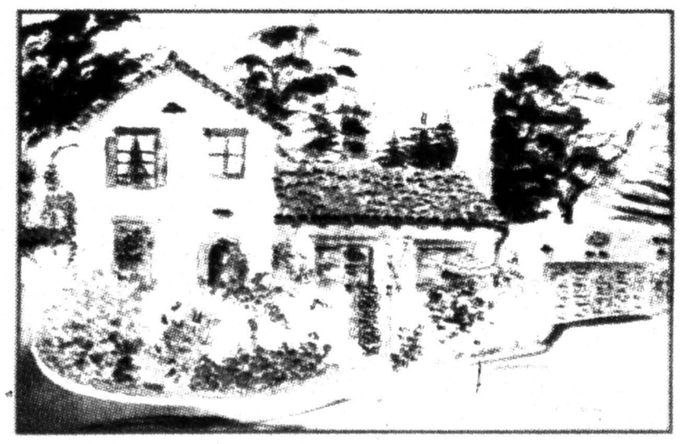

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In Your Dreams

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Comstock Houses Hansel and Gretel

Story and photos by MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

BARBIE HAD her own townhouse with a splash 'n' slide pool but she never owned a Tudor fairytale cottage with pitched gable roof, simulated thatch shingles and half-timbered walls over stucco cladding. And I bet Barbie's townhouse didn't have mullioned windows, either.

But the army of Otsy Totsy rag and felt dolls handmade in the early '20s by Carmel's Mayotta Comstock had just such fairytale houses created especially for them by Mayotta's adoring husband, Hugh.

Few people living today have seen an Otsy Totsy doll, even though Mayotta stitched hundreds and hundreds of them for buyers in San Francisco and Los Angeles and countless Carmel residents and tourists.

How she turned out such quantities of dolls is unfathomable, but when Hugh Comstock, a tall, quiet rancher, originally from Illinois, met Mayotta Browne on a visit from Santa Rosa, the dolls were "strewn and stacked around her home," according to an early account.

Hugh's sister Catherine married George Seideneck, one of Carmel's illustrious painters, and on Hugh's visit here from Santa Rosa in 1924, he was introduced to Mayotta at the Seideneck home.

It must have been love at first sight, because they were married on April 14, 1924 in Salinas. Mayotta and Hugh shared space with the "strewn and stacked" dolls, until Mayotta asked Hugh to please build a dollhouse in which she could display them for visitors to Carmel to take home as souvenirs and for buyers who were becoming interested in them for stores in large cities.

It is commonly thought that "Hansel" cottage on Torres near Sixth was the first house Hugh created and built. But it was "Gretel," situated at the back of the lot-and-a-half on Assessor's Lot 10, Block 60, that was built first in 1924. It is located on Torres Street, third northeast of Sixth Avenue, in back of Bruno's and Surf and Sand on Junipero.

Honeymoon togetherness

It seems difficult to believe, but Mayotta and Hugh lived in the tiny kitchen of that tiny house while they built the remainder of it with their own hands, but as they were on their honeymoon, one may speculate that it was no hardship. They continued to live in Gretel when they built the more esthetically pleasing Hansel in 1925 as a display house for their Otsy Totsy family. As small as Gretel is, it is the larger of the two cottages.

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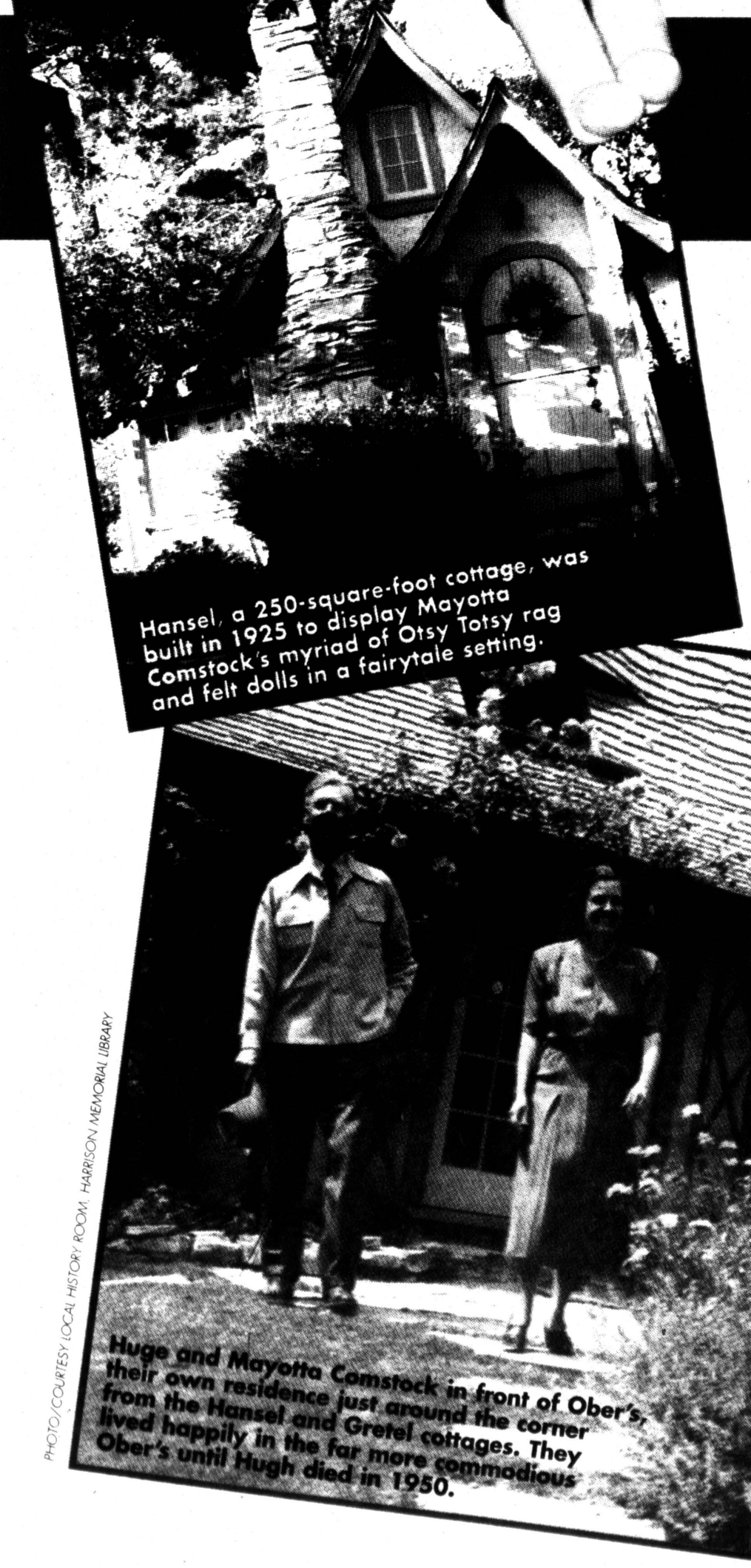
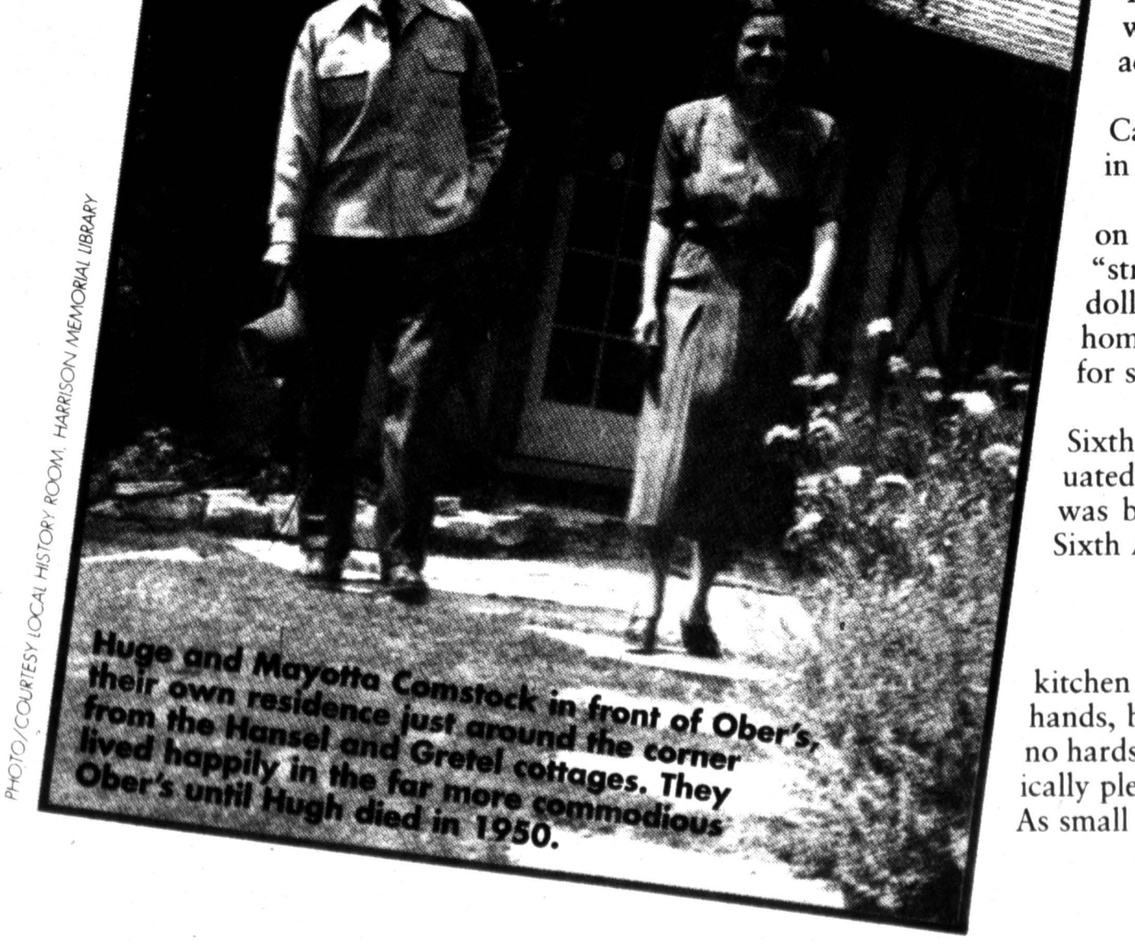


Hansel, a 250-square-foot cottage, was built in 1925 to display Mayotta Comstock's myriad of Otsy Totsy rag and felt dolls in a fairytale setting.



Huge and Mayotta Comstock in front of Ober's, their own residence just around the corner from the Hansel and Gretel cottages. They lived happily in the far more commodious Ober's until Hugh died in 1950.

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COMSTOCK

From previous page

Both folk Tudor homes resemble fairytale houses because Hugh styled them after cottages in the illustrations for Grimm's fairytales by famed British painter Arthur Rackham.

The houses have been called "Fairytale Tudor," "doll houses" and "Carmel Cotswold," "elfin architecture," and mistakenly, "Mother Goose," but whatever one wishes to call them, they set a style that to this day characterizes Carmel in the minds of many.

Hugh, a rancher, was no architect, but he could work with his hands, a bandsaw and a pocket knife. The charming little cottages he designed and built had no plumb-line regularity about them, resulting in an enchanting style resembling Hobbits' houses of Middle Earth in Tolkein's books exemplified in director Peter Jackson's Oscar-winning motion picture trilogy.

Comstock used rough-hewn timbers from logs for framing, joists and mullions. Both Mayotta and Hugh hand whittled trim boards around windows and doors. The couple roughly frosted the outer walls with thick layers of plaster, and the roofs were made of irregular hand-split cedar shakes, hand carved, or simulated thatch shingles. Door handles and hinges were hammered by the creative and industrious young marrieds.

Crooked chimneys, many-paned windows, arched doorways and exposed structural beams were also signature whimseys of a Comstock cottage. Steeply pitched gable roofs and later English country gardens, added to the "rightness" of style and scale. The scale can perhaps be described as Lilliputian. The kitchen can only accommodate one person at a time.

Seen from a neighbor's garden, the fairytale Tudor roof of Hansel s shown from the back. Both Hansel and Gretel were re-roofed by their present owners because daylight was visible through the shingles.

Wanting to maintain the sylvan charm of Carmel, he built the homes around existing trees on the lots — a sensitivity that Carmel's current planning commission, Cottage Society, the historic preservation committee and the forest and beach commission would applaud. Hugh and Mayotta left the landscape natural, in typical Carmel style. Some say the gardens were cultivated by a Gretel renter when it was owned much later by Joan Harding.

The charm of these two little houses was so admired by all who beheld them, people clamored for one of their own. Comstock built 20 homes and businesses in the Hansel style, although generally more commodious — with the exception of the adored little Tuck Box on Dolores Street built in 1926 and its adjacent garden shop which is currently called "A Great Place"— all of which can be seen to this day, much beloved and well cared for by their current owners.

Hugh Comstock, builder of dreams

The Pine Cone, in a 1926 issue, referred to Comstock as Carmel's "builder of dreams." After establishing his reputation as an innovative and creative builder here in Carmel, Comstock built a larger home for Mayotta and himself on the corner of Sixth and Torres, facing south. It is named Ober's. It's one-and-a-half stories has three bedrooms and an open loft sleeping bal-

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The Gallery House

~ Carmel Highlands ~

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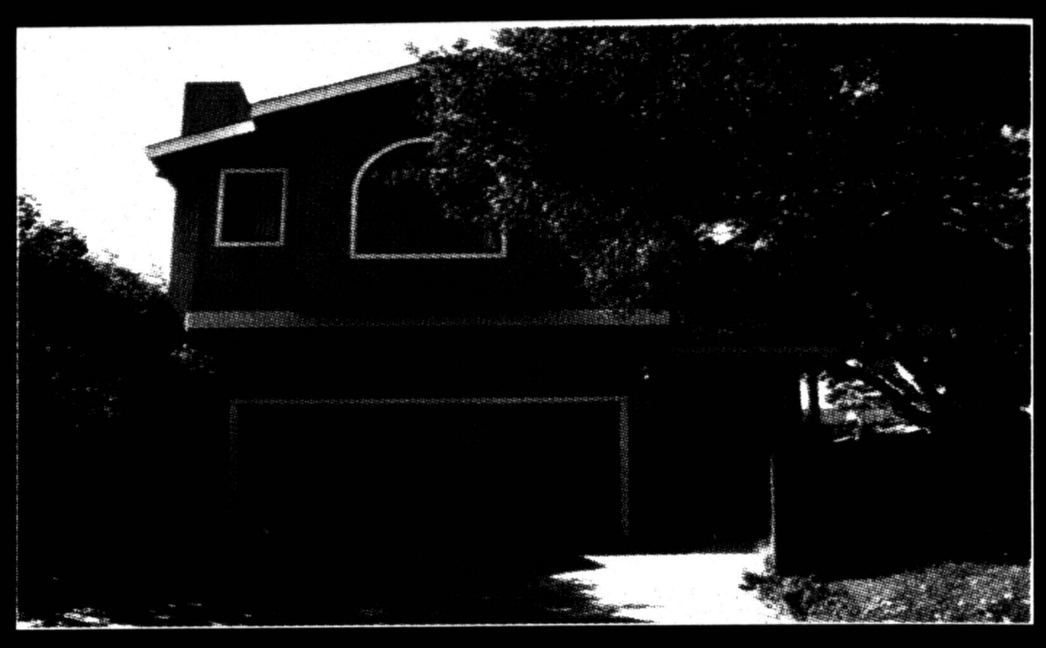
Contemporary Ocean View

~ Monterey ~



Enjoy views of Monterey Bay from this spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home just a short stroll from the world renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium and Cannery Row. This lovely home features vaulted ceilings, 2 cozy fireplaces, large 2-car garage, a light open floor plan perfect for entertaining, and much more.

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~ Carmel Valley ~

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~ Carmel Valley ~

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~ Carmel Valley ~

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~ Monterey ~

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cony, a den and three and a half baths, kitchen and dining room — luxurious living after the stringent but intimate spaces of Gretel.

Hugh and Mayotta lived there until Hugh died at age 57 in 1950. Following his death, Mayotta moved into The Studio on the corner of Santa Fe and Sixth, an English style country home Hugh built in 1927. She lived there until ill-health took her to Sacramento where she lingered with a long illness. Mayotta outlived her husband by 20 years, passing away in 1979 at the age of 87, not too far from her native town of Forestville in Placer County. She is inurned at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.

Readers who would like to see an original Otsy Totsy doll have only to visit the Local History Room of the Park Branch of Harrison Memorial Library at Mission and Sixth in downtown Carmel. Kept in "the vault" under proper temperature and humidity control and behind glass to keep her dust free is "Little Iodine." Jimmy Hatlo — the noted cartoonist who created the redhead trouble-maker for his nationally-syndicated cartoon strip of the same name — and his wife Eleanor were expecting a baby. Close friends of the Comstocks here in Carmel, the Hatlos were surprised and delighted to be presented with a baby gift of an Otsy Totsy Little Iodine standing on a swing. Many years later the doll was donated to the city's history room by Eleanor Hatlo Lusignan.

Three Otsy Totsies
primly sitting in a chair

On a house tour of the Comstock cottages in the 1980s, sponsored by the Carmel Heritage Society, visitors were thrilled to discover three Otsy Totsy dolls sitting in a woven leather chair in one of the cottages. One was a little red-haired boy doll in blue short pants, yellow jacket and blue hat (dispelling the common belief that Mayotta handmade only girl dolls); a Dutch girl in a green dress, white apron with a colorful border and red flower, a white Dutch cap and felt clogs; and a blonde girl doll in a white full length bunny costume with red trim and red feet — topped with bunny ears.

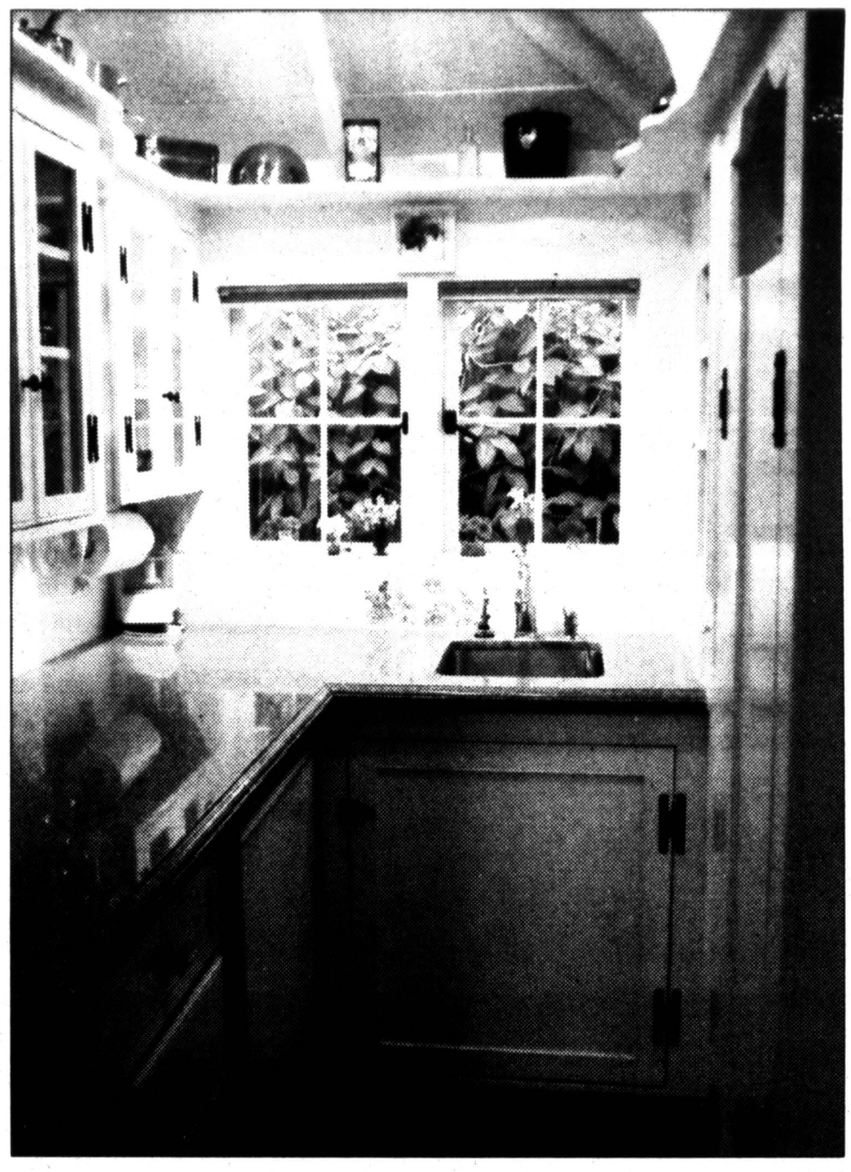
If any resident with an Otsy Totsy doll would care to donate it to the history room or sell it to the current owners of Hansel and Gretel, they can do so by contacting The Carmel Pine Cone Arts and Entertainment editorial department.

The current residents of Hansel and Gretel have done much to rectify deterioration caused by age and storms, but have kept faithfully to Comstock's intent.

A white earless cat

"When I first saw Hansel and Gretel,

◀ "Little Iodine," the mischievous protagonist in Jimmy Hatlo's nationally syndicated comic strip, was made into an Otsy Totsy doll by Mayotta Comstock as a baby gift to the Hatlos.



▶ Hansel's kitchen is so tiny, it can accommodate only one cook at a time, lessening the chance of the broth being spoiled.

my heart skipped a beat," said Bobbie Voris, who with her husband Mike had been looking for a Carmel lot with two houses. "Once I saw them, I had to have them," she said. And so they bought the property from Joan Harding, who owned the quaint houses and lot from 1962 to 1992, living there with a white earless cat named Pablo. A woman from New Zealand was renting Gretel at that time and did the gardening, installing all the plants, which now grow in abundance. Mrs. Harding is still alive at 88 and living in South Carolina.

Gretel is kept as a permanent vacation rental, while the Vorises live in Hansel. In order to make it habitable, they put in a foundation. "Hansel had no foundation when we bought it, so we had a local contractor crawl under the house with a trowel and a garbage can lid tied to a rope so they could scoop out enough dirt to install piers. Then they jacked the house up to create a foundation."

Bobbie Voris continued, "We had to have a new roof put on Hansel because we could see daylight through it — Hansel originally had wood shingles and where they overlapped it was paper thin."

The Vorises also took out the bathtub and put in a shower. "We took that extra space, and that of the dressing area closet and we made an 8-by-9 foot bedroom with trundle beds. There was an attic, an unfinished crawl space which we opened up to the living room and it is now a loft. The little house can sleep four people now."

They did it all themselves, emulating Hugh and Mayotta.

The Vorises have added about 80 birdhouses to the property, and passersby will see many of them hanging from the trees, and placed on tables and stands in the garden.

"We added the wooden garden chairs, benches and tables and the pot bellied garden stove to both Hansel and Gretel. We even have a view of Point Lobos from Hansel's patio," she said.

Daffodils and forget-me-nots are just coming into bloom, and a large ceanothus and larger Scotch broom bushes bloom in lavender-blue and yellow glory in front of the Carmel fence to the sides of the wooden hand-hewn gate that separates the property from Torres Street. The original hand-carved "Hansel" sign has been blown off in a recent storm, and is now affixed temporarily to the fence to the left of the gate. It is quickly being overgrown by a hardy, blooming geranium bush.

Can the 250-square foot cottage be comfortable for two people?

"Yes," Bobbie Voris replied. "With two people there's a togetherness. It's so magical, I feel safe and cozy and content."

The Carmel Heritage Society's monthly walking tour led by Kay Prine (624-4447) passes in front of the Hansel and Gretel property, as do Gale Wrausmann's Carmel Walks (642-2700).

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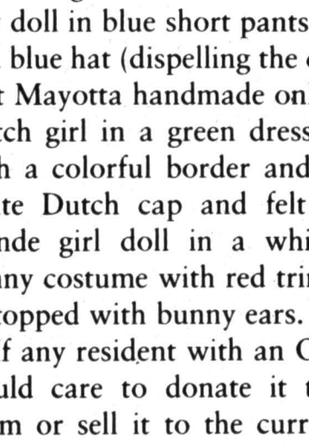

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yard. The gardener questioned what the subject was doing entering the resident, and she replied she was looking for a place to rent. Gardener notified police and the subject left. He telephoned the residence and she filed a report at the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported vehicles in a no-parking zone at Santa Rita and First. Contacted him to explain the sign is a deterrent but is not enforceable. He was informed of this when the sign was installed but believes it should be enforced. In addition, he vented over problems he is having with the planning department for work being completed at his residence. Problems resolved by building official.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver reported striking and damaging a parked vehicle at Eighth and Mission. He was traveling east when a large commercial truck traveling west caused him to move right, at which point he sideswiped the parked vehicle.

Big Sur: Case of defrauding an innkeeper on Highway 1 47 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense theft from a vehicle parked at a Maple Court residence.

Carmel area: Trespasser on a Pescadero Point property.

Carmel Valley: Stolen mail found at a Via Petra residence.

Pebble Beach: Burglary alarm heard outside a Padre Lane residence.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD received report of possible wires down in the area of Dolores south of 13th. Cable television wires were found to have been pulled away from the residence. Comcast notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea:. Tree vs. vehicle at Mission and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Small wire-reinforced safety glass window in the rear of an office at San Carlos and Fourth was damaged.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 1996 Mercury Mystique belonging to a caregiver was damaged by a tree when it was parked at the residence at Ocean and Carpenter.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Caller complained about a barking dog in the area of Lopez and Fourth. Contacted resident as she was walking home and advised her of the complaint. She said the dog belonged to her friend and they will take care of the problem. Information forwarded to animal control officer.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Monterey P.D. requested a subject at Junipero and Third be contacted. He was wanted for assault with a deadly weapon. Contacted his girlfriend, who said he was not at home. House was checked with her consent. Advised her to have him call the MPD officer.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male saw a suspect male adult, approximately 50 years old with gray hair, wearing a black leather jacket and dark pants, walking westbound on Sixth Avenue. He observed this subject reach into the planter boxes as he was walking and rip out 10-12 plants and throw them onto the ground. Male said he could identify the subject if he saw him again. Value of plants less than $100.

Carmel Valley: Health & Safety Code violation at Carmel Valley Road and Schulte Road.

Carmel Valley: Theft from a vehicle parked at a Maple Court residence.

Carmel Valley: Transported a subject from a Saddle Road residence on a 5150 Welfare & Institutions 72-hour hold.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Scarlett Road residence.

Carmel area: Runaway juvenile from a North Carmel Hills Drive residence.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Carmel Valley Road address.

Carmel area: Past-tense verbal dispute at a Mentone Road residence.

Carmel area: Unlawful discharge of a firearm at Highway 1 and South Carmel Hills Drive.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported losing a digital camera while patronizing shops in the business district on Friday. She remembered having the camera while dining at a cafe. She later made inquiry at the restaurant to see if the camera had been located, but no found property had been brought to the attention of the staff.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and resisting public officers. Male San Antonio resident booked into Monterey County Jail following treatment

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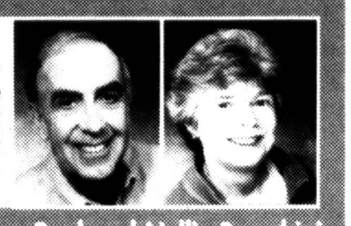

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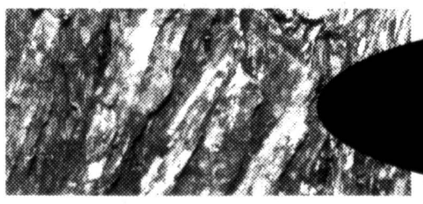

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contact made with a subject regarding feeding feral cats. Possible solutions were discussed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Loud noise reported in the area of Mission between Fifth and Sixth at 1952 hours. Upon arrival, found a young boy yelling and running up and down the sidewalk. Contacted his father, who apologized and said he would keep his son quiet.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female complained a subject was doing construction at Ocean and Lincoln after 2200 hours and asked him to stop. He told her to mind her own business and that he was going to continue working until 0100 hours. He was contacted and advised that he was in violation of city ordinance and was causing a peace disturbance. He agreed to stop for the night and resume work in the morning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported a vehicular and pedestrian hazard in the parking lot of a camera store off Red Eagle Alley. While conducting a parking maneuver, she failed to see a short, bent, metal post sticking out of the asphalt. She struck it and it damaged the undercarriage of her silver 1989 Jeep Cherokee. She stated it does not appear to have any function and nighttime lighting in the area constitutes a hazard. Property owner will be contacted by driver seeking restitution.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported getting separated from his wife for the last hour after parking his vehicle in the downtown business area. A search was conducted and she was found at San Carlos and Ocean. Husband and wife were reunited.

Carmel area: Alarm heard outside a Rio Road residence.

Carmel area: Possible fraud at a Rio Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at Camp Stefani Road residence.

Carmel area: Verbal dispute/peace disturbance occurred 90 minutes ago at Rio Road and Lasuen Drive.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstances at 17 Mile Drive and Crespi.

Carmel area: Assisted with public safety at San Antonio Avenue and 13th Avenue.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Pebble Beach: Burglary and two cars stolen from a Club Road residence.

Big Sur: Rescue off of Highway 1, 35.8 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County Line.

Carmel area: Domestic physical dispute at Carmelo Street and Scenic Road.

Carmel Valley: Harassing phone calls received at a Schulte Road residence. Suspect information provided.

Carmel Valley: Civil problem at a Brookdale Drive resi-

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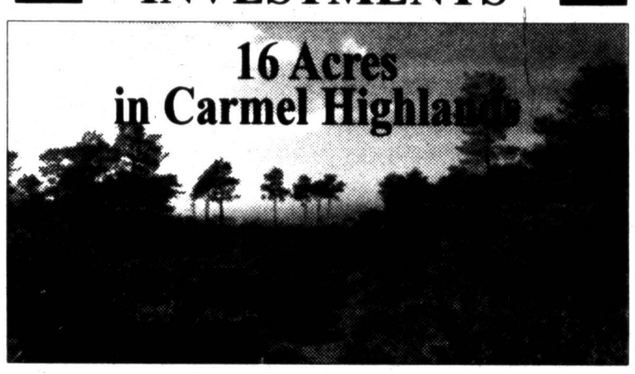

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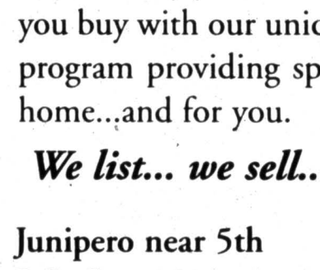

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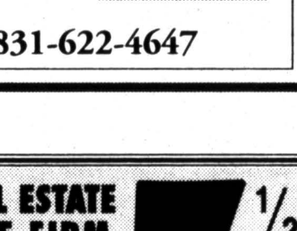

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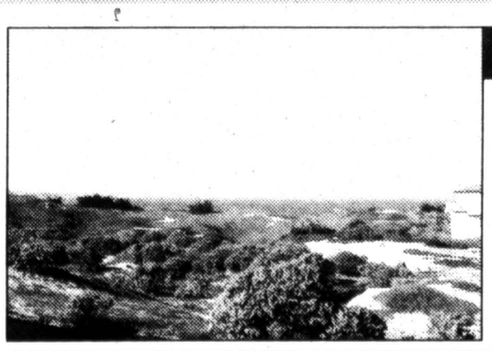

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Sunset in Bloom

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE BEAUTY and diversity of music will be expressed through flora of all sorts during the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club's May 29-30 flower show, Sunset in Bloom. Representing the combined effort of the small club's membership and a serious devotion to all that grows in the garden, the show will feature a wide array of green-thumb creations competing for awards in more than a dozen classes.

With the idea of "stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening," — one of the primary objectives of the Garden Club of America, to which the Carmel club belongs — the free show will include flower arrangements, horticulture, photography and special conservation displays to educate visitors about native plants and invasive species.

To help raise money toward the garden club's goal of maintaining and restoring public gardens, Sunset in Bloom will include a Friday night preview party for members and guests, a boutique full of the best of the best for gardening and flower fans, and lectures by an historic garden restorer and an award-winning, flower-arranging Presbyterian priest whose efforts were recognized by Britain's queen.

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MaryAnne Lloyd puts finishing touches on a flower arrangement. Such talents will converge in May for the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club's show, Sunset in Bloom.

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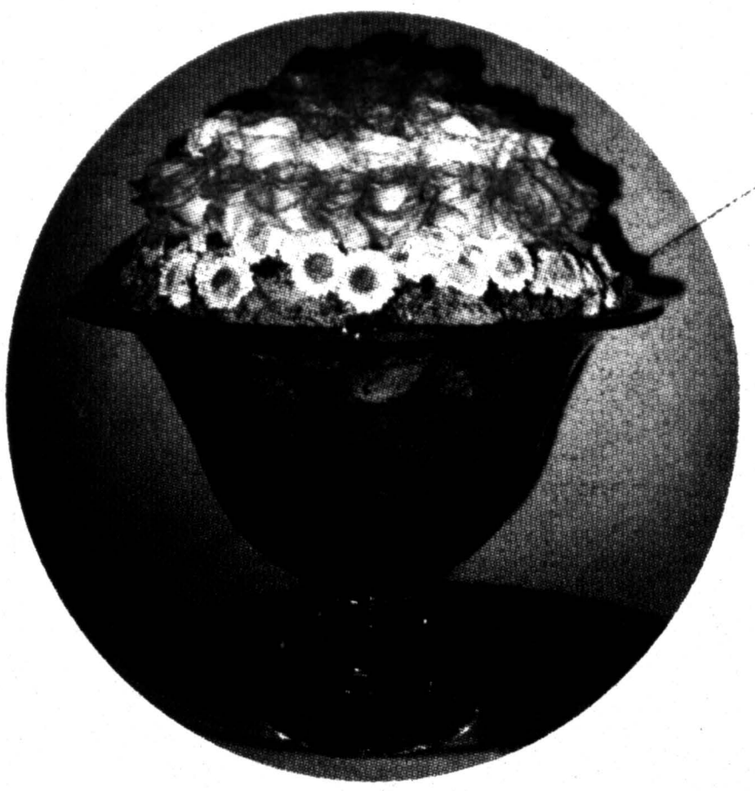

Marriage with music

"It being Sunset Center, we decided to have the theme be music, so each one of the classes in horticulture and flower arranging has a musical theme or purpose," explained Sunset in Bloom chairman Carol Sullivan.

The 10 classes in the flower arrangement division tap into myriad musical styles.

- Participants in Musicals will create a hat of fresh and/or dried plant materials to represent a musical production of their choosing. The hats will sit atop a mannequin head on a pedestal.
- Tables "suggesting an after-theater supper for two" will be decorated in Duets.
- Tiny Tunes arrangements no larger than 5 inches in any dimension will decorate shelves of various levels.
- All That Jazz, a novice class for Garden Club of America members who have not won a blue ribbon in a flower show, will test their flower arranging talents.
- Freestyle arrangements — "any contemporary style that will appropriately interpret the class" — will utilize a direct complementary color scheme and incorporate metal to illustrate Heavy Metal.
- Mass arrangements no wider than 36 inches but unlimited in height will be entered in A Symphony.
- An invitation-only "challenge class" called Back Stage will put exhibitors to the test on the spot. All they bring are clippers, while the committee supplies the plant material and containers.

Horticulture

The horticulture division, featuring plants grown by the exhibitors and held in their possession for certain amounts of time, will have seven classes.

- Spring is Here entries display at least four different flowering specimens cut from the exhibitor's garden and arranged in a sprinkling can.
- Plants with colorful foliage in hues of lime, yellow-green, deep red, maroon, burgundy or black will be shown in Somewhere Over the Rainbow.
- White, off-white or silvery foliage which stands out in a moonlit garden will be exhibited in Moonlight Becomes You.
- Entries in I'll Follow the Sun will showcase a minimum of five different succulents and members of the cactus family grown on a 20-inch wreath.
- Que Sera, Sera (Whatever will be, will be), a class open only to Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club members, tests their abilities to grow an alpine lily (*lilium parvum f. crocatum*). Bulbs and growing containers were distributed by the committee prior to Nov. 13, 2003.
- Various categories in It's Now or Never — flowering annuals/biennials/herbacious perennials, bulbs/corms/rhizomes, roses, flowering branches, branches grown for foliage and other flowering specimens — will allow participants to show off the best cuts from their gardens.
- You're the Top will be a catch-all class for exhibits of horticultural merit which do not qualify for any of the above. They will be judged against perfection.

Two dimensions, conservation

Photography may seem somewhat fabricated next to such living and recently living works of garden-grown beauty, but it is a common element in flower shows, according to Sullivan.

The three photography classes include:

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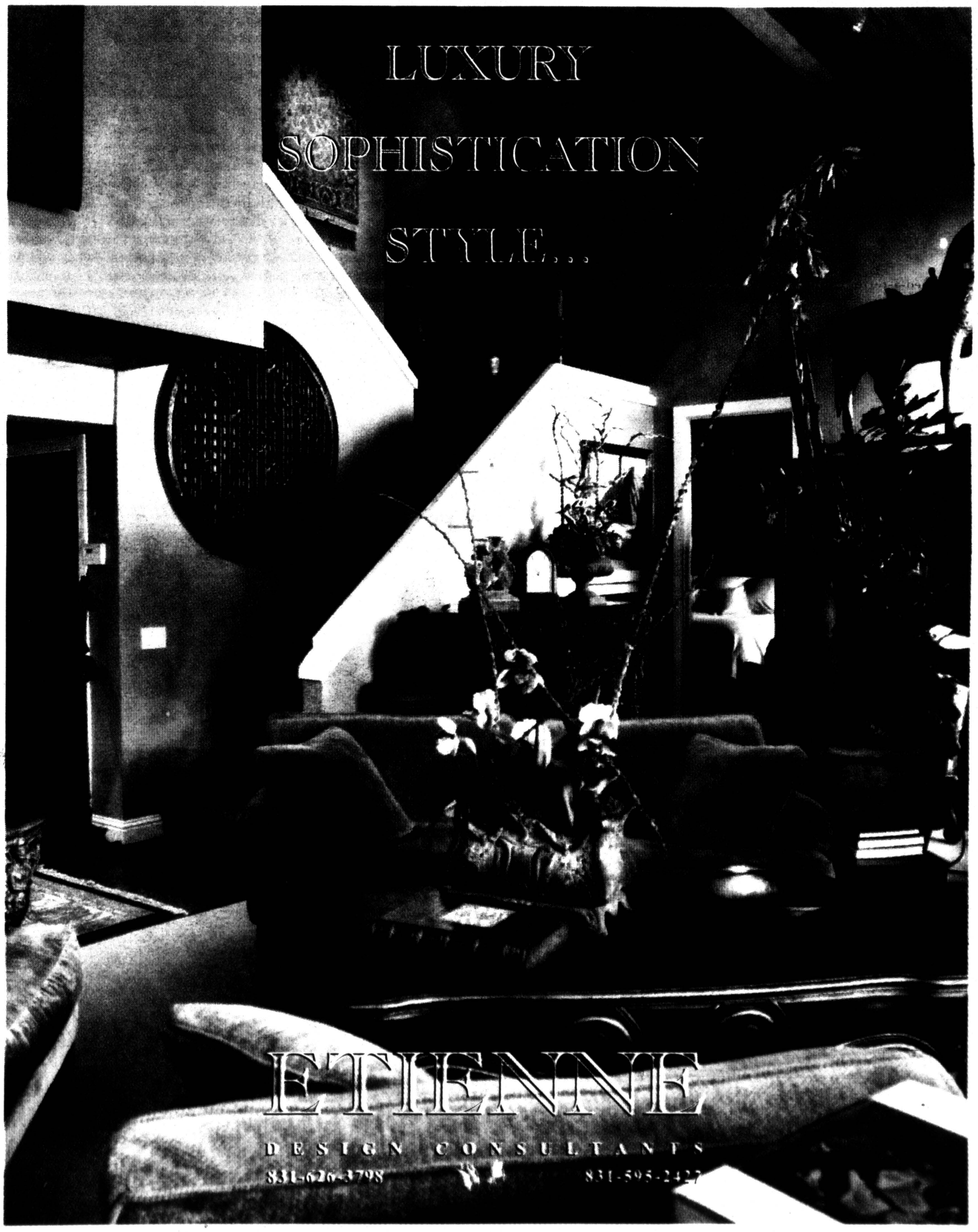
Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club member and Garden Club of America judge Pam Smith critiques a flower arrangement during a workshop. Twenty judges from several states will serve at Sunset in Bloom.



BLOOM

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- color photographs of rocks within a landscape — some showing growth, if desired — in Rock Around the Clock;
- color or black-and-white close-up photos of a rose in Yellow Rose of Texas; and
- digitally manipulated images containing some form of the sun in Sunrise, Sunset.

Two displays designed to educate the public on the best methods and reasons for cultivating native plant species will make up the conservation division.

A special Saturday-only display will showcase the life cycle of local native plants — from seed collection to propagation to planting in the community — presented by students of Carmel Middle School.

Also, the County of Monterey is collaborating with Sunset in Bloom organizers to illustrate the non-native, aggressive and invasive plant species which gardeners should avoid, as well as the more environmentally friendly alternatives they should plant.

"We have some species that are actually overtaking the surroundings, and we just want to bring attention to it," said conservation chairman Donna Dormody. "You want to educate people on what the problem plants are, and there are a lot of plants that look similar that people can plant."

So long as people keep asking for them, nurseries will keep selling the invasive plants, such as the yellow-flowered genista and feathery pampas grass, so the garden show's goal is to convince people to avoid them.

"It's beginning to be a big problem all across the United States," she said, adding that federal, state and county agencies are spending millions of dollars to eradicate the invaders.

Serious business

Anyone who thinks flower arranging is a casual pastime and flower shows are just a fun way to show off a particular talent need only read the extensive rules to appreciate the entries.

The general Garden Club of America rules stipulate everything, including the sort of notecard on which information should be written, which books constitute the authorities on plant identification ("The Royal Horticultural Society Index of Garden Plants" and "The American Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants"), how watering should be handled and whether an entry can be touched again once it's on display.

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Judy Harrold, chairman of the flower arranging division of Sunset in Bloom, practiced her craft at a miniatures workshop Feb. 26. Miniature arrangements — no larger than 5 inches in any dimension — will be entered in a class called Tiny Tunes.

No entries can include federal or state protected or threatened species — unless cultivated in one's garden and accompanied by a written explanation — nor can they feature any non-native, invasive plants such as iceplant, pampas grass, certain thistles, and French, Scotch and Spanish broom.

No artificial plant materials, live animals, taxidermy, birds, fish, natural birds' nests, cut fruits or vegetables can appear in arrangements, and the exhibits "must be maintained in prime show condition or any award won may be withdrawn."

Most horticultural entries must include the method of cultivation described on an unlined white card displayed adjacently and should be planted in terra cotta or terra-cotta-colored plastic pots. Another list of rules pertains to pesticide-free propagation.

And the Garden Club of America had to approve the show's entire schedule, according to Sullivan.

"One of our purposes is education, and I think that's one of the reasons for the detail," she explained.

In addition, the 20 judges hailing from several states and selected by the GCA will use the comprehensive descriptions and multitude of rules to select the winners in each class.

"They love to come to Carmel, of course, and there are many shows throughout the year," Sullivan said. "So these judges are really quite busy."

Help for public gardens

While the show is free and its primary goals are educating and fostering interest in flowers and plants, the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club's missions include helping to maintain and improve public gardens in Carmel, donating funds to like-minded conservation groups, and creating topiaries and arrangements for the library, Carmel Foundation and Hospice each December.

To raise money for public garden projects, Sunset in Bloom will include a boutique and guest lectures by two horticultural luminaries.

For months, boutique chairmen Jody Clark and Bridget Booth have been searching high and low for just the right items to include in their small store at Sunset.

"We have named our boutique Greatest Hits, with the idea that what we bring into the boutique will be very special items as good as we can find," Clark said.

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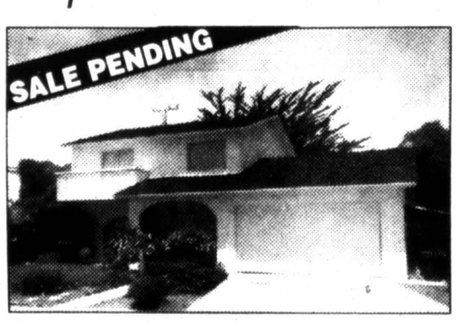

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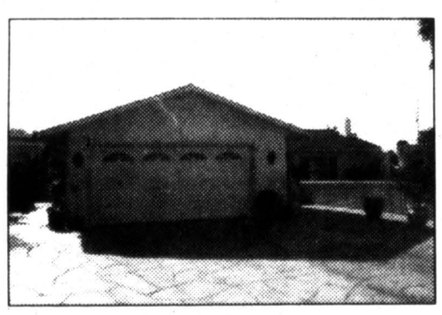

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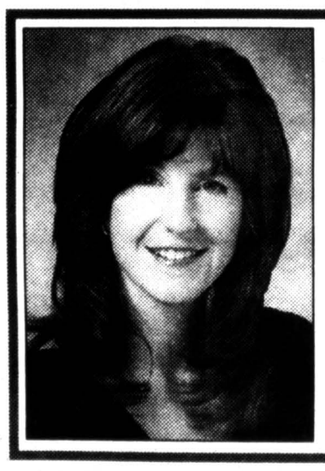

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Garden club member Susan Osborne works on her succulent wreath, which will be entered in the horticulture division's I'll Follow the Sun class, planting it with at least five different succulents and/or cacti.

gloves that extend well over the wrist to allow good dexterity as well as protection — and topiaries, potted herbs and perhaps even miniature citrus cultivated by a Central Coast aficionado, will be for sale.

Clark and Booth are closely guarding their sources, many of whom have asked to remain nameless.

"We found one who sells to top museums in the United States, and it's only because we live in Carmel, and they love Carmel, and we're giving money to public gardens, that they're they doing this," she said.

While its items will be top of the line, the prices in Greatest Hits won't be.

"We feel the items are very reasonably priced for the everyday man and woman," Clark said. "It's going to be small, but I believe all of the items we have are going to be as good as anyone can find."

Show chairman Sullivan also hopes the lectures by the Rev. Dr. William McMillan and Chip Callaway — which run $20 each or $30 for both — will attract many attendees.

She and club president Lucy Reno approached McMillan when he was honored at the GCA annual meeting in New York. They asked if the Belfast, Ireland, Presbyterian minister and renowned flower arranger would be willing to speak at Sunset in Bloom, and "he said he would just be delighted."

McMillan, also known for his charm, wit and poetry, first dabbled in flower arranging when a bout of the flu wiped out the usual decorating contingent at his church. He has since won awards around the world and shown at the World Flower Show in Glasgow, Scotland, Boston's Museum of Fine Arts, and the Bouquets to Art show at the Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. He was even awarded a Member of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in 2000 "for service to his country through flowers."

McMillan will discuss and demonstrate skillful flower arranging during his 1:30 p.m. Saturday lecture, which promises to be entertaining, poetic and informative, according to Sullivan.

Callaway, garden restorer extraordinaire and captivating speaker, will show slides demonstrating many of his notable projects, including the Roper House in Charleston, S.C., the Alexander Graham Bell House in Georgetown-Washington, D.C., Ayr Mount in Hillsborough, N.C., and the Hezekiah Alexander House for the Charlotte, N.C., Museum of History.

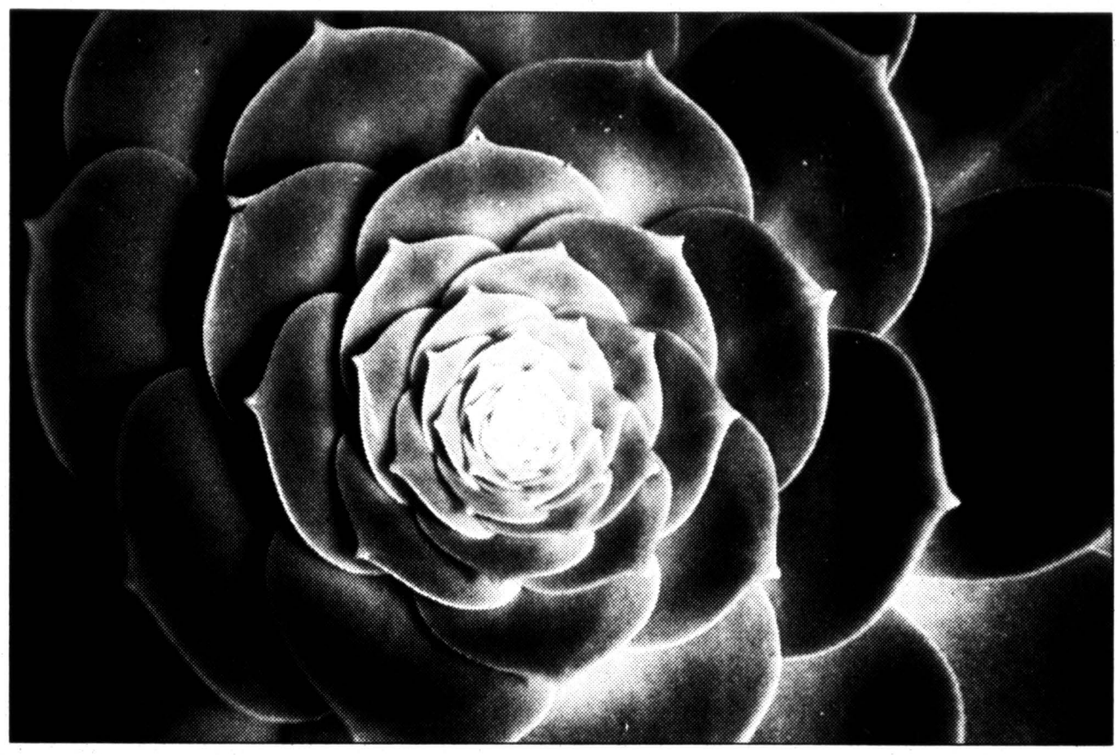
His 10:30 a.m. Saturday talk will be entitled, "What's New in Old Gardens?" and will address different types of plants used in different ways, according to Sullivan.

In the works for almost a year, Sunset in Bloom is "probably an undertaking larger than we have done before," Sullivan said of the garden club, which was formed in 1979 by a group of enthusiasts and joined the GCA in 1986.

Thirty-one different committee chairmen are overseeing every detail of the event, from invitations, signage and staging, to judging, establishing the classes in each division and publicity.

The May 29-30 show also marks a return to Sunset Center for the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club after 23 years. It held its first major fundraiser and flower show, Table Settings, there in 1981. The event showcased flower arrangements created by members in conjunction with local antique dealers and interior designers, and funds were raised for conservation and landscaping projects in Carmel.

For more information on Sunset in Bloom or to inquire about attending the lectures or the May 28 preview party, visit www.cbsgc.com or call 624-3294.



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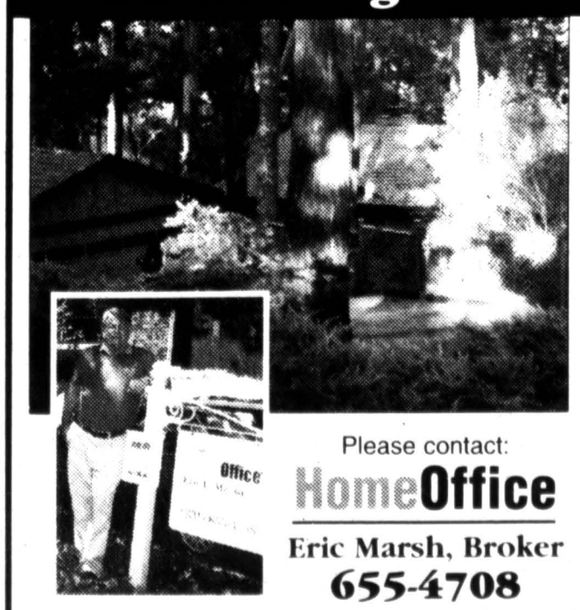

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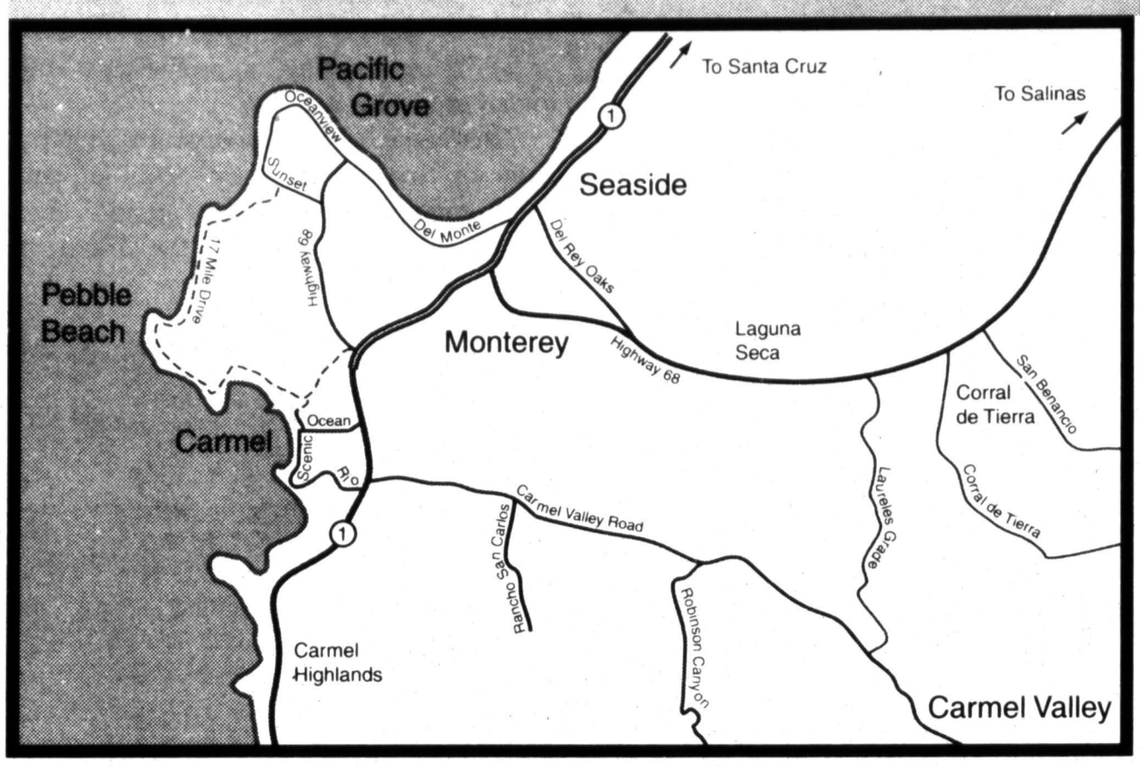

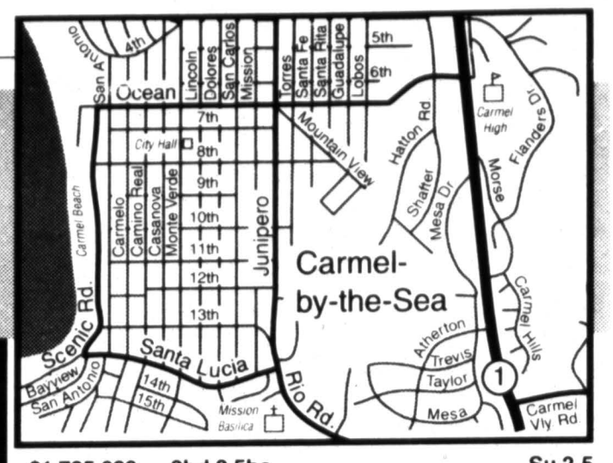

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What defines luxury for one is mundane for another

Dear Mr. Williams,

My husband and I have decided to build a home on the Peninsula and are trying to define what we want. We know the size of the home we desire but can't agree on the style. Both of us believe we want something luxurious yet comfortable. Is that possible? Also, what, exactly, goes into a "luxury" home?

Sincerely,
Nancy Parks

Tom Williams

Dear Mrs. Parks,

Like a fine wine or a chic motorcar, the precise definition of a luxury home is as ephemeral as young love and as subjective as gymnastics judging. Luxury is as much an expression of style as it is marble baths, granite countertops and a plethora of creature comforts. We have always tried to define every aspect of our lives and to expect objectivity in the area of luxury homes is to invite opinion and controversy from far and wide.

From the hackneyed phase "location, location, location," to the insistence that each bath include a whirlpool the theory and experimentation of luxury has been evolving for many years. Certainly grand scale and architectural detail can be very much a part of any luxurious home. Fine paint finishes, 9-foot-plus ceilings and the judicious use of stone all add to the overall mix.

For many, a kitchen verging on the commercial is the pinnacle of fine home design. For others, sybaritic baths finished in the latest fixtures, whirlpools and double showers mean luxury, not excess. All of these things can be included in even the most mundane of homes. The very telling feature of luxury living is a personal expression of style and refinement.

From the moment one enters the drive, there should be an aura of manicured respectability. Like many well-run exclusive resorts, the landscaping should be a reflection of the lifestyle of the residents. One hopes the property will be large enough for a wonderful sweeping drive that mounts a small knoll and allows your guests to alight directly onto the exterior reception area. Plantings, foliage and flowers will all combine to create an oasis of calm.

Upon entering, the foyer should be large enough for all to be greeted properly and helped to remove any coats or outer wraps that have been brought along. A coat closet is essential. The remaining public spaces will be designed in such a way as to reflect the tastes and interests of the owners. For many, the more formal areas of the living room and dining room exude a serene opulence and understated sophistication meant to relax guests and host alike.

As there are many styles of interior design, no one approach to luxury is definitive. Whether a riot of printed chintz and studied English country style or a very tailored design with muted colors upon which to mount an art collection, the help of architectural detail and finishes within the area will define luxury as much as the decoration. Deep crown moldings and matching trim, rich finishes, numerous expansive windows and beautiful floors all help in achieving a sense of luxury.

For the more informal den or study and kitchen, stronger color and pattern mixes will define a warm club-like atmosphere or a light resort feeling. Again, large windows or French doors bring the outside in and help create a spacious interior. Large patios finished in brick or slate surrounding the pool, with spa, will enhance the living space and at the same time add a feeling of relaxed luxury.

One of the areas in the home most noticeably changed in the past few years

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A personal expression of style and refinement, evidenced by muted colors and rich textures, exemplifies luxury in a home.

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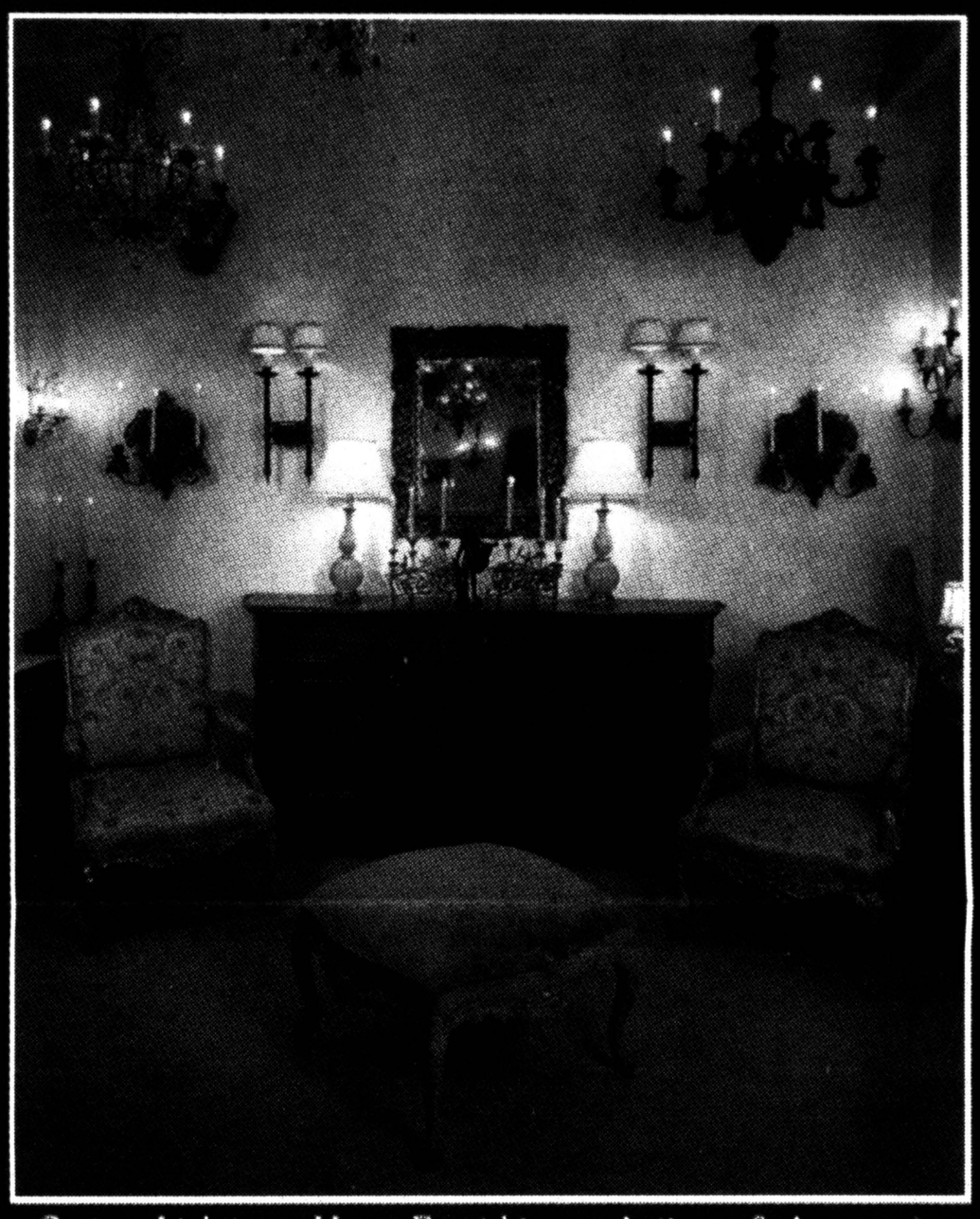

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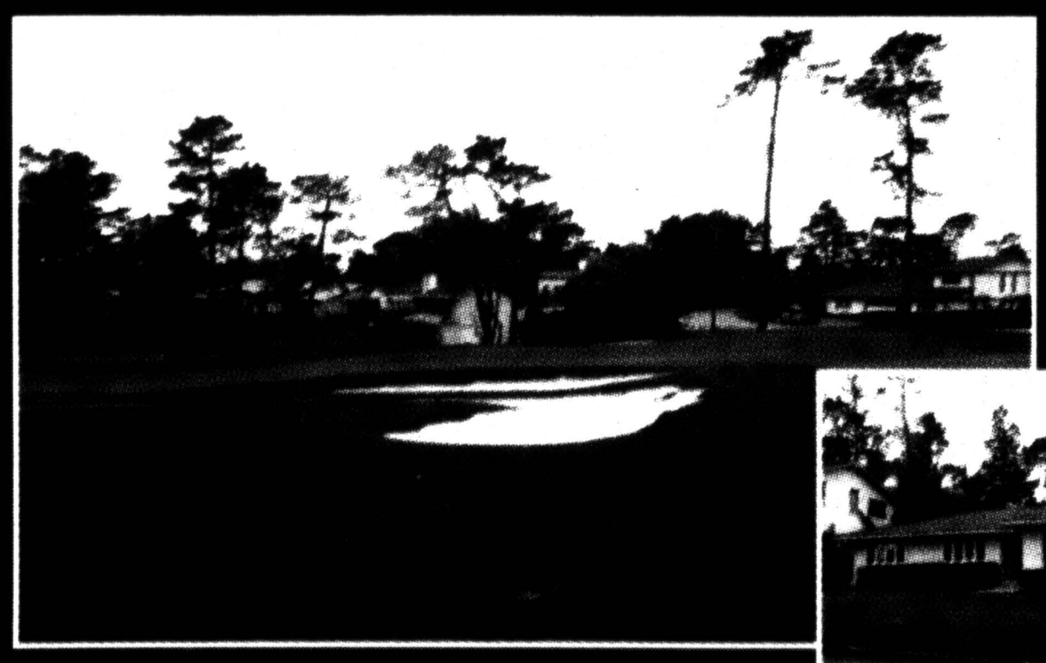

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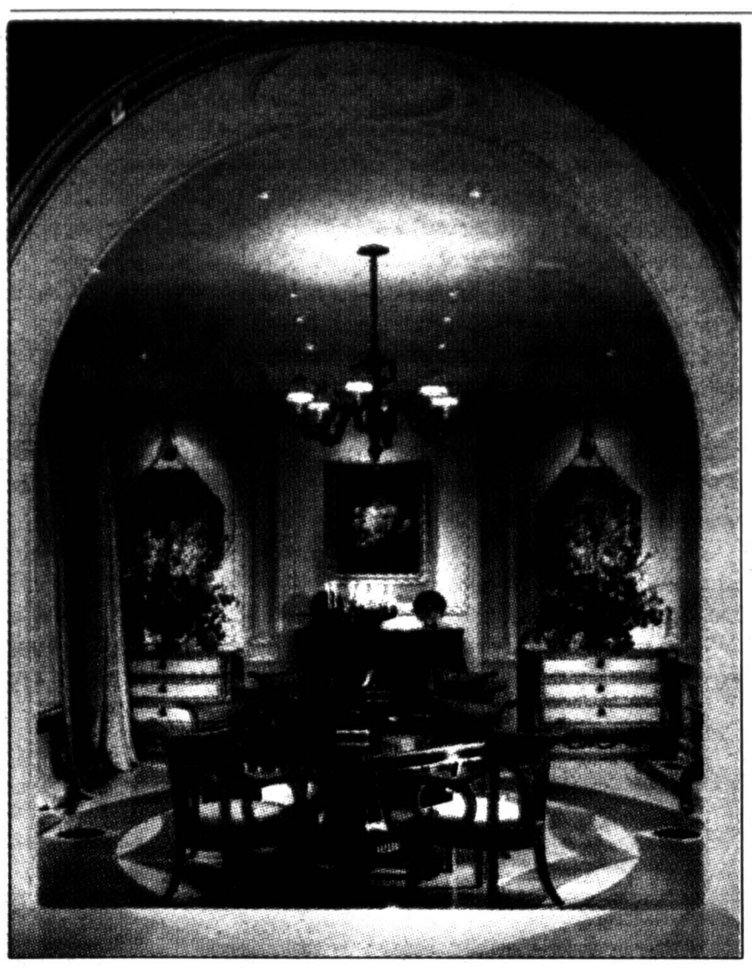

The serene opulence and understated sophistication of this dining room serve to relax guests and host alike.

ASK

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has been the master bedroom suite. The room should be large enough to have a king size bed, or even two queen size, as well as a generous area for sitting. A fireplace can add romance and a sense of relaxed and private serenity. The closets should be ample and spacious with totally fitted areas for the large and diverse wardrobes of the owners. The closets should also be attached to separate dressing areas that might have separate toilet and sink areas. A tub and separate shower accessible from either dressing room is important. The finishes will be beautiful granite or marble with top-of-the-line fixtures.

Some of the delicious extras I see in baths these days are heated towel racks, small refrigerators, separate steam rooms or saunas, shampoo sinks and seating in the bath itself.

To heap amenity upon amenity is not necessarily to achieve luxury. Size and the number of rooms many times simply means a larger house. One must bring a personal sense of style and mode of living. What defines luxury for one is mundane and pedestrian for another. For many, predictability is the death knell of luxury. Luxury homes, for the most part, exude a wonderful sense of serene opulence and refined living. The creation of that atmosphere is best achieved in a home built to the highest standard and finished with the very best offered in the world of home fashion. Any home not meeting those criteria simply isn't luxurious.

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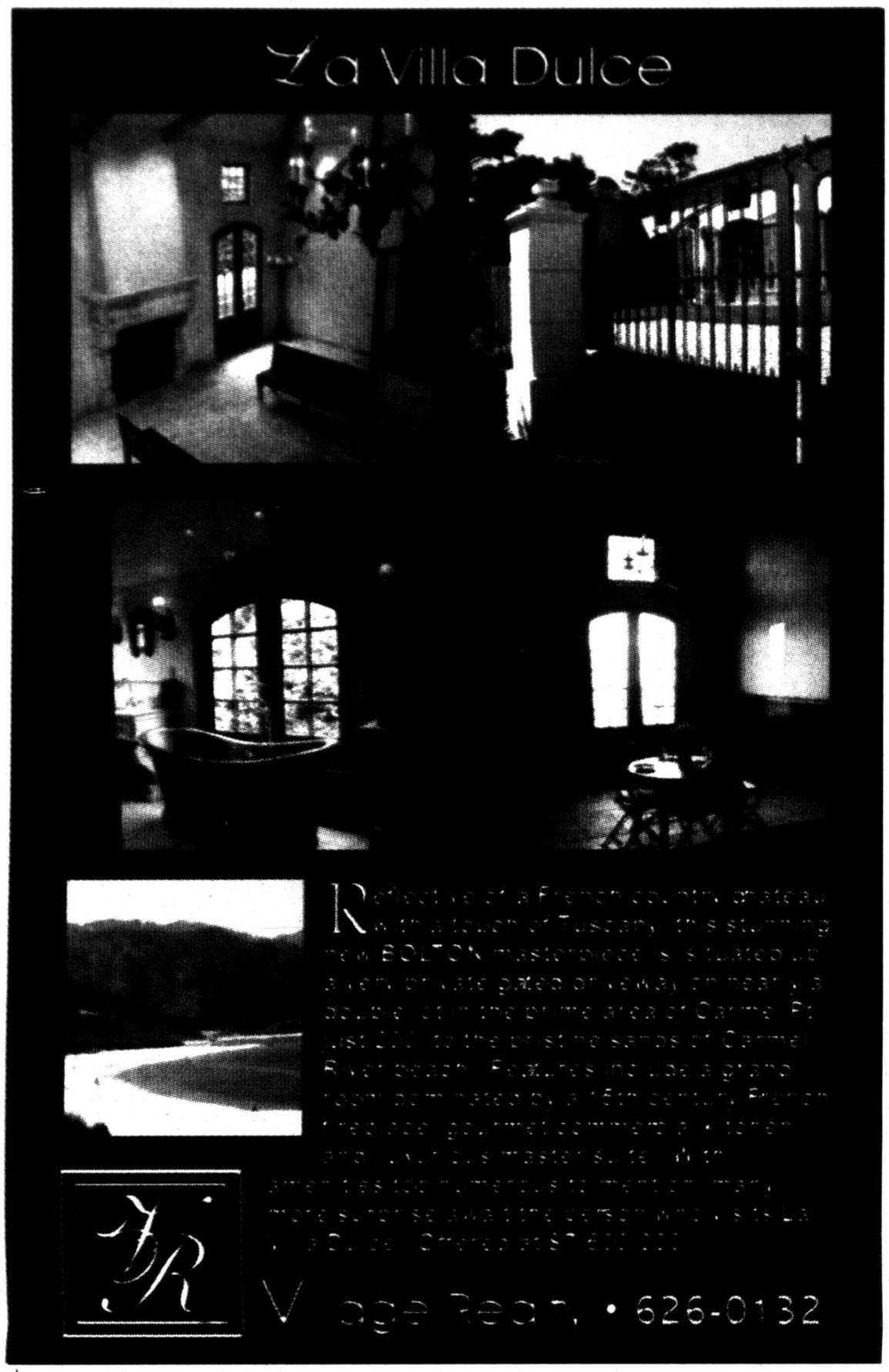
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POLICE LOG

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dence.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious circumstances at an East Garzas Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Cell phone lost at East Garzas Road and Boronda Road.

MONDAY, MARCH 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 1984 Volvo driving straight on Ocean Avenue collided with a 1996 Oldsmobile turning right onto Ocean.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious circumstances at a Pilot Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense malicious mischief at West Carmel Valley Road and Ford Road.

Carmel area: Assisted another agency at Carmel Rancho Center.

Carmel Valley: Transported a subject from a Saddle Road residence on a 5150 W&I 72-hour hold.

Pebble Beach: Fraud/I.D. theft at a Cormorant Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Calle de Quien Sabe residence.

Carmel Valley: Domestic disturbance at an East Carmel Valley Road residence.

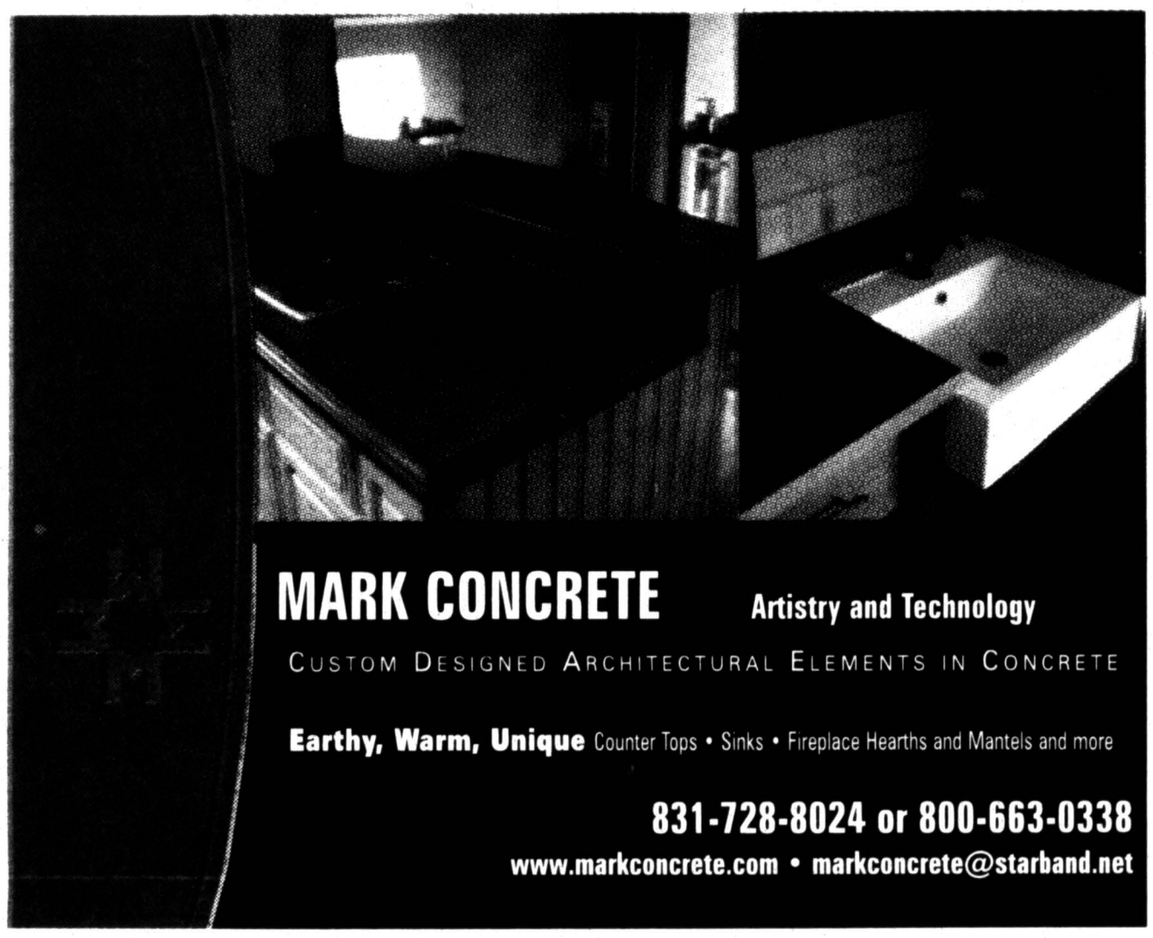
Carmel area: Transient female contacted at the Crossroads Mall.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstances at a Hacienda Drive residence.

Carmel area: Asset protection employee at the Crossroads Longs Drugs advised an employee was in custody for theft. It was determined the cashier had stolen $450 in cash. She also used her position as a cashier to make numerous purchases at the store by using a stolen credit card number. A second suspect provided her with the number and paid her once the purchases were completed. The amount of loss was estimated at $2,141,60. The 30-year-old Monterey resident admitted to committing the crimes and was taken to jail.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a man violent and out of control 911 call from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Carmel area: Driver stopped at a Valenzuela Road residence. for driving under the influence.

Carmel Valley: Civil problem at a Brookdale Road.

Carmel area: Harassment at Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

Carmel area: Malicious mischief at a Carmel Rancho Boulevard business.

Carmel Valley: Lost/found missing property at a Mid Valley Center business.

Carmel Valley: Male, 91, reported missing from a Vista Ladera residence.

Carmel Valley: Assault with a weapon at a Carmel Valley Road address.

Big Sur: Battery at a location off Highway 1, 48 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County Line.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a C. V. Road address.

Carmel Valley: Trespasser seen at a 17 Mile Drive residence.

Carmel Valley: Info taken at a Schulte Road address.

Big Sur: Missing person report taken on Highway 1, 49 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County Line.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense burglary of a vehicle at a Valley Greens Drive address.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Big Sur: Person reported missing in the area of Highway 1, 49 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County Line located.

Carmel Valley: Assault/battery at a C. V. Road address.

Carmel Valley: Theft at West Carmel Valley Road and El Caminito.

Carmel area: Grand theft from a Rio Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense burglary from a vehicle parked at a Carmel Valley Road address.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Big Sur: Lost/found/missing property on Highway 1, 49 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County Line.

Carmel area: Subject arrested on a felony warrant at Highway 1 and Carpenter Street.

Carmel Valley: Physical domestic dispute at a residence.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Big Sur: Suspicious person on Highway 1, 41 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County Line.

Big Sur: Past-tense malicious mischief to a vehicle parked on Highway 1, 49 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County Line.

Carmel area: Kidnapping at Carmel Center Place and Rio Road.

Carmel area: Vehicle checked at a Carmel Rancho Boulevard address.

Carmel area: Information taken at a Rio Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Civil problem at a Middle Canyon Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Person reported missing at a Parkway Drive residence.

Pebble Beach: Malicious mischief at Sunset Point and 17 Mile Drive.

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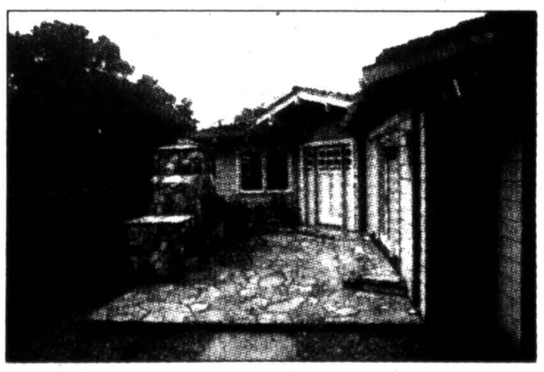
HIGH MEADOW! In a great complex on well maintained grounds is this 2-bedroom, 1-1/2 bath unit. Skylights and a clerestory window keep it light and bright. Large entry with hardwood floors and vaulted wood ceilings in the living room. $499,000.

"PETITE DELIGHT!" This sophisticated, unique and beautifully landscaped home is a superb weekender or retirement dwelling. Located on a very quiet cul-de-sac near River Beach. Gracious separate guest quarters with full bath in the back garden. $1,395,000.

REDWOOD HONEYMOON COTTAGE! Perfect 1-bedroom, 1-bath redwood cottage and adjoining lot are wrapped into an irresistible package. Stroll to post office or cappuccino. Vaulted ceilings, oak floors, large wood windows, stone fireplace, classic board & batten style, sylvan views. $1,100,000.

SPIRIT OF CARMEL! This classic & timeless cottage full of elegance & modern amenities evokes the spirit of Carmel. This 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath brand-new home in the "Golden Rectangle" neighborhood features the finest in quality, construction, livability & finishes. $1,899,000.



SOPHISTICATED GEM! A distinctively designed new 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath residence ideally located steps from shops & beach. Artistic flair with custom amenities. Distressed plank-hardwood floors, limestone countertops, stone fireplaces & sound system. $1,850,000.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

HIGHLANDS HIDEAWAY Tucked into the hills above the Pacific, the spacious 3-bedroom, 3-bath home is surrounded by forest and lush garden. Enjoy formal dining, two fireplaces, patios, balconies, skylights, gourmet kitchen and access to a private beach. $1,695,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

CAPTIVATING AT QUAIL LODGE! A dramatic residence overlooking the verdant 4th fairway is this 2-bedroom, 3-1/2 bath home. Recently remodeled kitchen and expansive dining room. The master bedroom includes an adjoining office with built-in bookshelves. $1,790,000.

SPECTACULAR VALLEY VIEWS! Above Miramonte is a magnificent home offering over 4400 sq. ft. of elegance and truly spectacular Valley views. Spacious master suite plus 2 bedrooms, swimming pool/spa, and a studio. On 3+ landscaped acres in a small gated community. $2,650,000.

PACIFIC GROVE

SUNLIT MEDITERRANEAN! Situated on 1.5 acres is this peaceful, sunny retreat in Bay Ridge, a prestigious, private, gated community. This impeccable 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home, with solarium and expansive views, is perfect for entertaining. $1,225,000.

NEAR DEL MONTE GOLF COURSE! A beautifully maintained, recently remodeled 4-bedroom, 3-bath home on almost an acre studded with mature oaks. Granite counter tops, new cabinets and hardwood floors. Just bring your belongings and move in! $1,195,000.

DEL MONTE GOLF COURSE CLASSIC! Expansive golf course views await you from this unique 2,000 sq. ft. home on one acre. Architect designed, this Mexican-style contemporary 4-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home with artist's studio is ideal for entertaining with large patios. $1,395,000.

PEBBLE BEACH

ONCE IN A LIFETIME! Unobstructed ocean and MPCC golf course views can be yours. On the golf course, this custom-built 2-bedroom, 2-bath home features walls of windows in the living room and master bedroom areas. Enclosed patio and view deck. $2,850,000.

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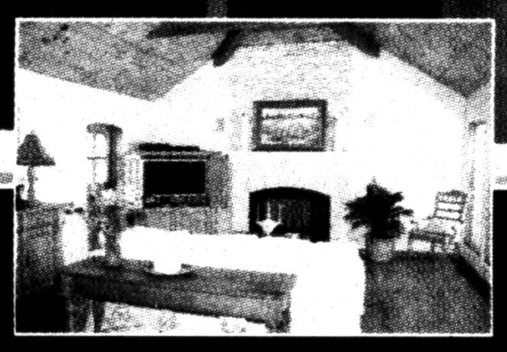
lazy afternoon, rustle of cool sea breezes through the pines, and the beach beckons.

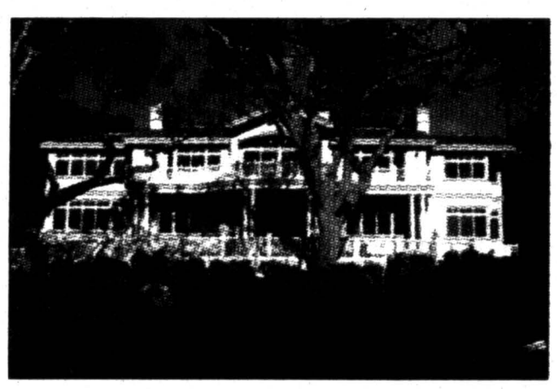
"Marebello"



A totally new house with excellent design, quality & sumptuous details. "Marebello" enjoys ocean views and a prestigious location near the Robinson Jeffers estate on Carmel Point. Vaulted-ceiling living room, master bedroom with balcony fireplace, entertainment room, wine cellar, and stone deck and central patio. Three bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths. Marebello is built for beauty, convenience and comfort. $4,895,000.

ENGLISH COUNTRY MANOR Enjoy seclusion behind Pebble Beach's gates in this wonderful 4-bedroom, 4-1/2-bath country manor with its classic lines and elegant flair. Gleaming hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces, a sauna, and offering luxury throughout. $4,425,000.

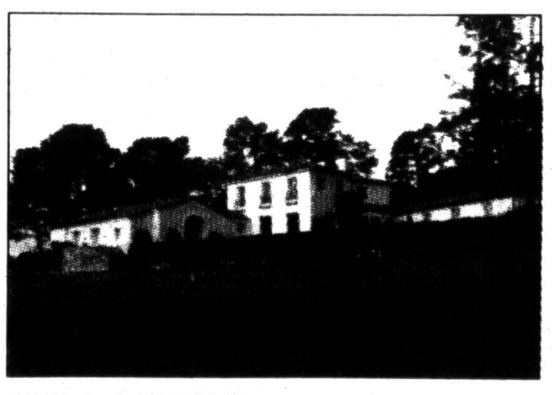
SUNSHINE IN PEBBLE BEACH! Elegant 3000 sq. ft. 4-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath two-story sunbelt home with distant views of Pt. Lobos. Remodeled kitchen and hardwood floors. Flowing floor plan, balconies, decks, and manicured fenced backyard make entertaining a pleasure. $1,450,000.



PEBBLE BEACH AT ITS FINEST! This spectacular ocean view, gated 6-bedroom, 5+ bath Mediterranean is within walking distance to The Lodge, Golf Links, Spa and Beach & Tennis Club. It offers a generous 11,500 sq. ft. of living space on approximately 1.7 landscaped acres. $13,750,000.

CLASSIC MEDITERRANEAN! Located in Pebble Beach with spectacular views of Carmel Bay and Point Lobos. This residence is designed for elegant living, and has 6 bedrooms, 7-1/2 baths, a spacious guesthouse, 7 fireplaces, three-car garage, and swimming pool/spa. $12,400,000.

POSTCARD VIEWS OF CARMEL BAY! Looking over the 6th hole of Pebble Beach Golf Links onto ocean and Carmel Point views sits this well-built home on over one prime acre. Elevated floor plan with 4 bedrooms & 4 baths. Fenced and landscaped behind gates. $4,395,000.



"CASA LADERA!" Located on 4.5 acres above the Pebble Beach Golf Links with sweeping ocean and golf link views is this magnificent villa of approximately 7500 sq. ft. Stunningly remodeled with 4 bedrooms, 5+ baths plus a spacious 2-bedroom guesthouse. $15,900,000.

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